

## **2014 Olympiad Programme Begins November 12**

The Qualifying Round for the 2014 Jamaican Mathematical Olympiad (JMO) begins on Tuesday, November 12. The JMO is a national competition open to all high school students in Jamaica. It is presented by the University of the West Indies, Mona Campus.

The Qualifying Round Examination will appear in the Gleaner's youthlink magazine in the November 12 paper. Copies will also be posted on this website on Wednesday, November 13. Individuals who want a soft copy may request one by email at [math,.jamaica@gmail.com](mailto:math,.jamaica@gmail.com).

The Qualifying Round Examination is multiple choice and open book. In order to enter, students should provide their personal information at the top of the appropriate question paper. They should then take the test and send their entries to the addresses provided. Entries must be received by the University of the West Indies by December 2 to guarantee consideration.

This year's competition will be held in four rounds. After the fourth and final round, the best performing students in each grade will be declared National Mathematical Champions (Gold Medalists). The 2nd and 3rd place finishers in each grade will be declared Silver and Bronze medalists, respectively. Students finishing in the top ten in their grade will receive Honourable Mention. Students finishing in the top 10% of their grade receive a Merit Award.

After the final round of competition, the best performing students born in 1998 or later will be invited to compete for a place on the national Mathematical Olympiad Team. This year's team will compete for Jamaica in a Regional Mathematical Olympiad to be held in Costa Rica in June, 2014.

The 2013 JMO attracted a total of 1215 entries. This figure is 16% larger than the number from the year before. These students came from a total of 50 schools around the island.