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**Introductory Course in
Mathematical Olympiad**

Maths Ignition - Combinatorics

Instructor from International Mathematical Olympiad
Hong Kong Committee



Application Deadline
3 May 2022 12:00 noon

Result Release
27 May 2022

Intended Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the programme, participants should be able to:

1. broaden their mathematical knowledge in the topic of Combinatorics on the basis of junior secondary mathematics curriculum;
2. strengthen their problem solving and higher-order thinking skills;
3. learn more about the scope of International Mathematical Olympiad Training.



◆ Introduction

- Maths Ignition is an introductory programme. It is designed as a series of courses on different topics and is developed as a bridging programme to the 'IMO Training' programme.
- 'Maths Ignition - Combinatorics' is the first course of the series. It aims to broaden students' knowledge in Combinatorics on the basis of junior secondary mathematics curriculum through exploration and investigation approach. Students who have completed 2 out of 5 courses in Maths Ignition series might be considered for direct admission to the 'Introduction to Olympiad Mathematics 2023 (Phase I)' (E1IM0008C), an intermediate-level programme offered by IMO Hong Kong Committee.
- This programme is co-organized with International Mathematical Olympiad Hong Kong Committee (IMOHKC)

◆ Target Participants

- S1 to S3 HKAGE student members
- Class size: 30
- All applicants **MUST** attend the Aptitude Test held in HKAGE on 14 May 2022 except for those who have attended the Aptitude Test held on 21 Aug, 20 Nov 2021, or 19 Feb 2022

* Not for students who have enrolled in:

1. CGMO Training (Phase I) (E1IM0007C) or
2. Introduction to Olympiad Mathematics (Phase I) (E1IM0008C) or
3. Any phase of International Mathematics Olympiad (IMO) Training before.

Remarks:

- Only selected students could join the Aptitude Test held on 14 May 2022.
- **If the application is over-subscribed:** students will be selected randomly in attending the Aptitude Test.
- **If the application is over-subscribed:** students who have attended the interview on 19 Feb 2022 would not be allowed to take the test on 14 May 2022. Their results on 19 Feb 2022 will be used for this programme.
- A notification email will be sent on 6 May 2022 for the application result of the Aptitude Test.
- All unselected students will be regarded as their application of this programme unsuccessful.

This programme is same as "Introductory Course in Mathematical Olympiad: Maths Ignition - Combinatorics (MATS1111)" in 19/20 school year.

◆ Medium of Instruction

Cantonese with English handouts



◆ Aptitude Test

- Students who wish to apply for this programme must take a general aptitude test on **14 May 2022 (2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. or 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.)**, except for those who have attended the Aptitude Test held on 21 Aug, 20 Nov 2021, or 19 Feb 2022.
- This general aptitude test consists of 100 multiple choice questions which covers a wide range of topics in mathematics. The purpose of the test is to figure out the applicant's knowledge in different fields of mathematics in order to choose the most suitable students for different programmes. Neither under-qualified nor over-qualified students will be admitted.
- The next aptitude test is tentatively scheduled on **20 Aug 2022**. The result of an aptitude test will be valid for one year. If a student takes the test more than once, the latest result will prevail. The following table lists the programmes for which the results of this general aptitude test will apply.

Programme Date	Code	Programme Name	Aptitude test valid			
			21 Aug 2021	20 Nov 2021	19 Feb 2022	14 May 2022
Aug 2022	E1IM0001C	Maths Ignition - Combinatorics	✓	✓	✓	✓
Aug 2022	E1IM0002C	Maths Ignition - Geometry	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sep 2022	E1IM0003C	Maths Ignition - Number Theory		✓	✓	✓
Nov 2022	E1IM0004C	Maths Ignition - Algebra			✓	✓
Feb 2023	E1IM0005C	Maths Ignition - Coordinate Geometry				✓
Mar 2023	E1IM0007C	CGMO Training 2023 (Phase I)				✓
Mar 2023	E1IM0008C	Introduction to Olympiad Mathematics 2023 (Phase I)				✓

Remarks:

1. All aptitude tests will only be arranged on the designated dates. No make-up test will be arranged.
2. No Calculator is allowed.
3. Please bring along with your Identification Card, e.g. HKID, student ID.
4. Please arrive at the venue 15 minutes prior to the Aptitude Test begins.

If students who have selected to join the aptitude test are absent without any reasons and prior notification provided, it will result in a lower priority in joining the aptitude test next time when they apply.



◆ Schedule

Session	Date	Time	Venue
Aptitude Test	14 May 2022	2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. 1:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. OR 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Welkin Systems Limited, 7/F, Righteous Centre, 585 Nathan Road, Mongkok (MAP)
1	15 Aug	2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Room 403, HKAGE
2	19 Aug		Room 203, HKAGE
3	22 Aug		Room 403, HKAGE
4	24 Aug		Room 203, HKAGE

- A notification email will be sent on **6 May 2022** for the application result of the Aptitude Test.
- For any assessment to be held in the programme, **no make-up** will be arranged.

◆ Certificate

E-Certificate will be awarded to participants who have:

- attended **at least 3 sessions**; and
- completed all the assignments with satisfactory performance

◆ Sample Notes

- How many five-digit numbers have 'decreasing digits' (e.g. 43210, 95321)?
- Ann has 3 pieces of orange candies, 4 pieces of strawberry candies and 5 pieces of pineapple candies. She plans to eat 1 piece of candy every day. In how many different ways can she eat the 12 pieces of candies?



◆ Appendix - IMO-related Programmes

- IMO-related programmes is a series of programmes that provide International Mathematics Olympiad (IMO) related training. It aims to equip students with the mathematics knowledge and curriculum of IMO, problem solving skills, and high-order thinking skills progressively.
- The programmes are divided into three levels: Introductory, Intermediate, and Advanced level.
- There are different enrollment methods, e.g. aptitude test. For details, please refer to each programme's poster

Introductory
Level

Maths Ignition
(MI) Programmes

- For S1-S3 HKAGE student members
- Introductory training in Olympiad Math by topics
- Application for five MI programmes will be open in Apr, Jul & Oct each year
- Enroll through aptitude test

Introductory to
Intermediate
Level

Introduction to
Olympiad
Mathematics
(ITOM)

- For S1-S6 HKAGE student members
- Two phases of training in Olympiad Math
- Application will be open in Jan each year
- Enroll through aptitude test
- Students who have completed at least 2 MI programmes could enroll directly

Introductory to
Advanced
Level

China Girls
Mathematics
Olympiad
(CGMO) Trainings

- For S1-S6 HKAGE female student members
- Three phases of training in Olympiad Math
- Application will be open in Jan each year
- Enroll through aptitude test
- CGMO HK Team members will be selected based on their performance in the trainings

Advanced
Level

International
Mathematics
Olympiad (IMO)
Trainings

- For all awardees of IMO Preliminary Selection Contest - Hong Kong; OR
- students who got the certificate of distinction in any phases of ITOM training; OR
- Students who have completed any phases of CGMO training
- Three phases of advanced training in Olympiad Math
- IMO HK Team members will be selected based on their performance in the trainings and IMO Preliminary Selection Contest - Hong Kong

*Detail flowchart and timeline, please refer to this [LINK](#).

**For timetable of MI programmes, ITOM, and CGMO in coming year, please refer to section "Aptitude Test" of this poster.