



Strengthening fluency and family ties with Sumdog

Who: The Bishop Konstant Catholic Academy Trust

Size: 15 Academies

Where: North Yorkshire, West Yorkshire, and the East Riding of Yorkshire



Supporting a large family of schools

As a Catholic trust, community lies at the very heart of BKCAT. They serve families of all faiths, working together as academies within the wider community to provide a high standard of education for all. When BKCAT first connected with Sumdog, they were keen to explore any additional opportunities to improve maths fluency across their academies. A bespoke trust-wide maths contest was organised with the aim of supporting these goals and helping to strengthen ties across their family of schools.

Improving fluency whilst celebrating community

At the start of the school year, Sumdog joined the BKCAT maths meeting to understand the expectations of each school and provide supporting resources. The trust-wide contest was announced, and each school was provided with personalised support as needed to ensure that all members of the community who wanted to take part were able to. During the contest, every participant received a daily bulletin sharing how each class was doing, helping to create some friendly competition and encourage a sense of community across the trust. Overall, BKCAT had a fantastic contest, with some great results. Afterwards, Sumdog joined a celebration assembly and presented the winners with a trophy and certificates.



'Children across our Trust love playing Sumdog. The Trust wide contest captured their interest in their position on the leaderboard and improving their scores. The way that Sumdog cleverly targets questions pitched at the right level for each pupil created a level playing field for our students and supported our aim for them to have sufficient opportunities for relevant fluency practice... What an engaging way for children to practise their mathematical skills!'

Rachael Britten, Lead Practitioner

BKCAT takes part in termly trust-wide contests hosted by Sumdog, which are a great opportunity to build the profile of maths across the community. During their most recent contest in September 2023, they achieved some amazing results:



47 classes entered the contest, racing to the top of the leaderboard



993 pupils worked together across the trust



Over 379,000 maths questions answered during 1 week

'It was great to see such high engagement from BKCAT pupils in their very first Sumdog contest! We're really proud to support the trust in their efforts to improve fluency, and we hope to continue making learning more fun for everyone in the BKCAT family.'

*Euan Kennedy,
Sumdog Growth Manager*

