

# BIOLOGY OLYMPIAD SUCCESS

Varndean College is celebrating the success of Resham Bagaria, a second year A Level Biology student who competed in the 2022 British Biology Olympiad in March and was awarded Silver.

Over 10,000 students from more than 700 schools worldwide took part in this year's competition and she was in the 10% of students who were awarded Silver. This is a great achievement.

The British Biology Olympiad (BBO) is an annual competition that challenges and stimulates students with an interest in biology to expand and extend their talents. It enables students to demonstrate their talent and be suitably rewarded with publicly recognised certificates.

The 2022 competition comprised two 45-minute papers sat back-to-back on the same day. The first paper with questions about all aspects of biology and the

second containing longer problem-solving questions. Candidates are presented with unfamiliar ideas and topics and have to use complex problem-solving skills and intuition to answer challenging questions.

Resham was mentored and coached by Varndean Biology tutor, Yaso Shan, who said "as ever, the competition questions were incredibly challenging, testing

students' ability to carefully consider, analyse and evaluate general scientific principles in addition to the depth and breadth of knowledge on all aspects of biology which candidates are asked to apply to complex problem-solving questions. It is a testament to Resham that she had the skills and intellectual acumen to meet these challenges under stringent time constraints. I congratulate her wholeheartedly for her resolve and aptitude."

After taking her A Levels in Biology, Chemistry and Maths this summer, Resham hopes to go to university to study either Psychological and Behavioural Science or Human Biology with Behaviour.

