## **Open Challenge 2021 report for LivMS Committee meeting**

The closing date for this competition was last Friday, 19 March. Pupils were allowed to send in entries by post as usual or by email.

There was a good response with 83 entries, fewer than last year when there were 116 entries.

There was a big change in the actual schools involved. Of the 38 schools that submitted entries last year only 19 did so this year but there were entries from 14 (+1?) other schools, a total of 33(+1?). (A completely anonymous entry.)

It was very encouraging to receive the following from a pupil from a school in London. Her entry was by email and arrived 15 minutes after the deadline!

I came across this competition, and had to give it a try, it was a very enjoyable experience. I have had to leave a couple of the questions undone as I came to realise the due date is today, though I will give it another try later. Nevertheless, I love how these questions were out of the norm from alevel style and were challenging in the sense that they made me think strategically placing multiple mathematical concepts at use, thank you.

It is hoped to arrange an evening of online activities which will include a presentation of the solutions.

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