

# Flair for maths earns national medal

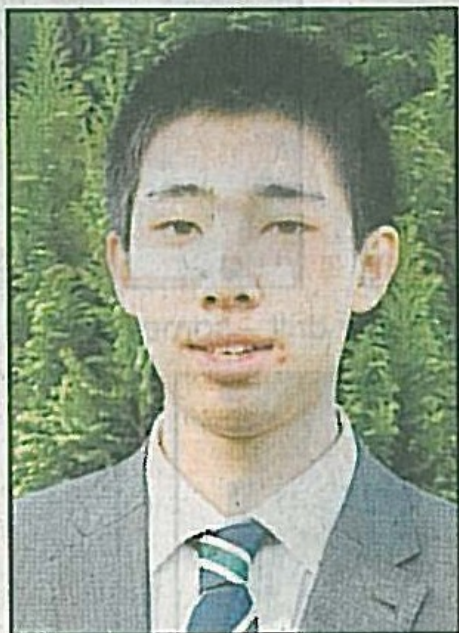
A STUDENT from Teesside High School sixth form has won a bronze medal in the first round of the British Mathematical Olympiad.

Niannan Xue will now be included in the British Olympiad yearbook as one of the top 100 mathematics students in the UK.

The 18-year-old, who lives near Northallerton, was invited to participate in the competition after scoring 120 out of a possible 125 marks in the Senior Maths Challenge last November.

The Olympiad involved about 1,300 students, who sat a three-and-a-half-hour paper with six problems to solve.

Niannan is the sole representative of the North-East among the medal winners. Teesside High's head of mathematics, Helen Dey, said: "This is a great achievement for Niannan. His



**Niannan Xue:** among the country's top 100 students

success lies in his natural flair for mathematics, coupled with great determination to learn and apply traditional algebra and geometry proofs."