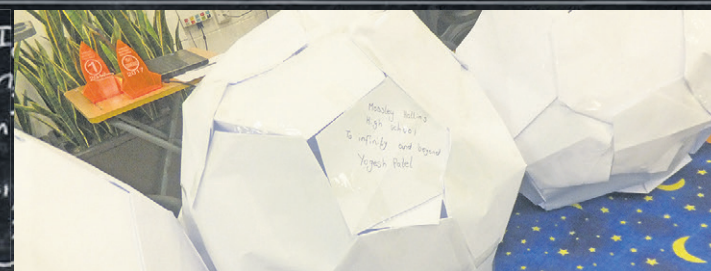


# TAMESIDE NUMERACY NETWORK CHALLENGE



**WINNERS:** Mossley Hollins; (left) the runners-up and third placed teams came from St Damian's.



Teams from Tameside secondary schools battled it out at the annual Tameside Year 7 Maths Challenge, last week.

All 15 schools, from across the borough, were represented at Copley Academy in an event that challenged the most talented pupils in a range of maths-based activities.

The competition was organised by the Tameside Numeracy Network, which was established four years ago by teachers across Tameside responsible for developing numeracy within their schools. Currently led by Maria Howard

from Hyde Community College, the schools very much work collaboratively to develop resources and events which will support the progress of students in mathematics across all the Tameside secondary schools.

Called 'To Infinity and Beyond,' the youngsters had to undertake numerous challenges that involved geometry and code breaking.

It all added up to a great event. However after an intense and fun-packed day it was Mossley Hollins who were crowned the Tameside champions, with St Damian's finishing both second and third.

## Olympic star on sporting school tour



**INSPIRING:** Beth talks to primary pupils.

Former Olympic gymnast Beth Tweddle had pupils beaming with delight as she embarked on a whistle-stop tour of several Tameside schools last week.

The three times world champion and Olympic bronze medallist spoke to children about her career in gymnastics and also how she got involved in the sport.

The aim of the day was to encourage the youngsters to take up a sport they enjoy, but she also revealed that much of her success was down to hard work and she hopes that by visiting schools she can encourage others to try different sports.

Speaking at Audenshaw Primary School where she answered questions from the school's Sports Crew, she said: "Having role models for these younger children to look up to, realise they've worked hard

and that they've just had a dream that they wanted to achieve, is really important and that's one of my jobs, getting round to schools making that achievable and attainable."

