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TRIVANDRUM INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL



## Mathematics: The Language of the Universe or a Mirror of Culture?

Mathematics: Universal Language or Cultural Construct?



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Hello,  
As Trivandrum International School students, we are joining Round Square to investigate the following important question: Is mathematics a cultural construct or a universal language? Through common symbols and reasoning, mathematics unites individuals from all walks of life, but how it is taught, valued, and applied is influenced by culture.

We'll talk about whether mathematics is a subject that truly belongs to everyone or is influenced by our background, using examples from both ancient number systems and contemporary classrooms. We look forward to seeing you on the call.

*Trivandrum International School*

*a Zoom Around the World with Round Square event*

Title: Mathematics: Universal Language or Cultural Construct?

Date: 4 March

Time: 11:00 AM IST (GMT+5:30)

We make the start time to be 7:30 am in Johannesburg, 8:30am in Nairobi, 9:30am in Dubai and Yerevan, 10:30am in Karachi, 11:30am in Dhaka, 12:30pm in Bangkok, 1:30pm in Hong Kong, Beijing and Perth, 2:30pm in Tokyo, 3pm in Alice Springs, and 4:30pm in Sydney but please check for your own location.

Participants: 13-15 years

Register: <https://podio.com/webforms/30646079/2597797>

Pre-work: Read about the nature of mathematics and then upload [HERE](#) a one slide image with your views on the question: *Is Maths Universal or Cultural?*