

Meriden students shine in International Astronomy and Astrophysics Competition

Meriden proudly celebrates the achievements of eleven students who participated in the 2025 International Astronomy and Astrophysics Competition (IAAC), a prestigious global event that challenges students to apply advanced problem-solving skills in astronomy and astrophysics.

Our students earned seven Bronze Honours and one Silver Honour, with standout performances from Luyin Wang, Year 9 and Kaitlyn Xi, Year 7. Luyin achieved a Silver Honour, placing in the top 7% overall and the top 25% in the Final Round—a remarkable accomplishment. Kaitlyn ranked in the top 15% of all 12,300 participants worldwide, earning a Bronze Honour and placing in the top 55% of the Final Round.



Kaitlyn Xi and Luyin Wang

While the IAAC uses age-based categories to set qualification thresholds, all participants—whether in junior high or university—solve the same challenging problem sets. This means our students were effectively competing on equal footing with university-level participants, making their achievements even more impressive.

The IAAC encourages students to go beyond the classroom, fostering global connections and deepening their understanding of astronomy. The Final Round, a timed online exam, represents the highest level of the competition and showcases the analytical and scientific talents of students worldwide.

Congratulations to all our participants for their outstanding efforts!

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