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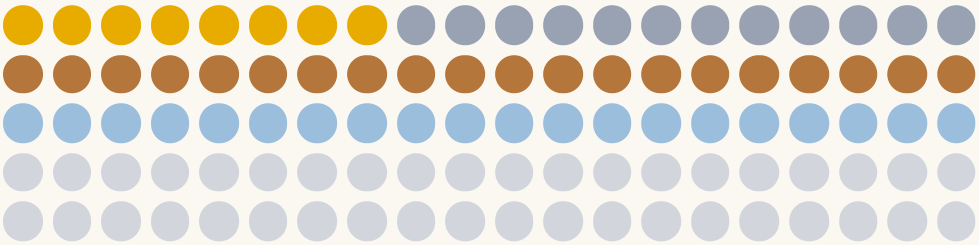
THINK BEYOND NUMBERS

# How many children *actually* take home a medal

Award bands are fixed proportions, not marks — a child is ranked against everyone else who sat the paper. Worth reading before the registration fee is paid, not after the results arrive.

## 01 Out of 100 children who sit SASMO

every entrant receives something



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| **Gold** | Top of the cohort | 8 |
| **Silver** | Next band down | 12 |
| **Bronze** | Next band down | 20 |
| **Honourable Mention** | Named, not medalled | 20 |
| **Participation** | Certificate only | 40 |

## 02 Getting through to a second round

the sharper filter

**RMO**
Round 1 → Round 2

about 2–3 in every 100 advance

everyone who sits Round 1 — 100

**APMOPS**
Round 1 → Invitation

top 50 P6 scorers nationally — a fixed number, not a percentage

everyone who sits Round 1 — 100

### READ THE DENOMINATOR

These are shares of **contest entrants**, not of all schoolchildren. The field is already self-selected, so the competition is stiffer than the numbers suggest.

### A MEDAL IS NOT THE POINT

Roughly **6 in 10** SASMO entrants leave without a medal. If the year is judged on metal, most families will call a good year a failure.

### FIXED SEATS, NOT SHARES

APMOPS takes a **fixed 50**. As entries grow, the same score buys a worse rank — last year's cut-off is not a target.

*Award bands are the proportions organisers have published in recent cycles — they are not guaranteed and can be revised each year.*

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