

The British Land UK Chess Challenge

Take part in the greatest chess tournament in the world...

The UK Chess Challenge is helping children all over the country get involved with the classical game of chess. One of the most popular games around the world, chess is an academic test for its players and gets boys and girls of all ages interested in lateral thinking and puzzle solving in order to win. Open to all ages from five to 18 this is a tournament open for all young people; a tournament that requires no travelling on the behalf of its contestants. Players can play in their own schools and chess clubs and the involvement of tutors and teachers is limited to one per session, while the teacher's knowledge is not stretched to unmanageable levels as books are supplied to aid the teachers learning at the same time as the children's.



The encouragement for children, alongside the fun of playing chess with others, is that everybody wins a prize; there is an incentive for everyone. For the children that progress through the tournament there are four stages.

Beginning at the start of spring term 2010 children can start competing, learning to play chess as they progress through their matches. After this in April and May there are county and area events in which the best players in the school will play other children in the area, furthering their knowledge and pushing them into the higher ranks. This is the **MEGAFINAL** stage and last year saw 7000 contestants competing over 40 of these regional tournaments.



The third stage, the **GIGAFINAL** stage, takes place in July and will feature a northern stage and a southern stage. This is for the upper echelons of children chess players and will test the player's skills against some of the best from the country. Last year around two thousand contestants competed in tournaments held at Failsworth School in Oldham, Lancashire and Wellington College in Berkshire. By this stage the players will be competent and ready for the final stage.

This is the **TERAFINAL**, and only 250 contestants will make it through to this final. This will take place in August and will feature the Champions of Champions battling it out for the coveted first place. This will be the ultimate test of the children's skill and an exciting venture for all concerned.

The emphasis is on fun in this tournament, and while the children will be learning as they play they will make new friends, have new experiences and enjoy the thrill of competition. In 2009, almost 70,000 children took part from over 2,000 schools and this countrywide appeal means children will make new friends from all over of all ages and of all levels.



Most schools have chess equipment however, for those that don't equipment is cheap, durable and readily available from Audio Chess, 7 Billockby Close, Chessington, Surrey KT9 2ED.



Why should your school get involved?

Entering the biggest chess tournament in the world is the easiest possible thing

- No travelling is involved – the tournament takes place in your school
- All children win prizes, so everyone is motivated
- The teacher's time and commitment is limited to one session per week, lunchtime or after school in the Spring Term
- Children have the opportunity to carry on to later and higher stages of this National event
- Equal opportunities for boys and girls; all ages can play from 5 up to 18 years
- The teacher's knowledge of chess is definitely not stretched and free books are available with information about the basic rules of the game!

So if you want your school to be involved in this very special nationwide event, then fill out the application form below and you can get started.

Enter now and receive enough badges, gold spots and other prizes for up to 30 players at £36, and you can run events in your school in the spring term of 2010.

Send to UK Chess Challenge, 7 Billockby Close, Chessington, Surrey, KT9 2ED

I enclose my entry fee of £36

Cheque made payable to UK CHESS CHALLENGE

NAME OF SCHOOL _____ School Tel. _____

Address of School _____

COUNTY _____ POST CODE _____

Parent/Teacher in charge _____ Tel. _____

Email _____ (For advice re despatch of package)

Further details available on our website:

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