

H.M.C. Junior Schools Chess Championships

Played at Q.E.G.S. Wakefield on Saturday 26th November

Under-11 section

1. QEGS, Wakefield	79
2. RGS, Newcastle	64
3. Yarm	56
4. Ashville, Harrogate	41

Each team played 3 matches against each of the others, both in the morning and again after lunch. . 3 points were awarded for a win, 2 for a draw and 1 for a loss in each game.

At lunch RGS led QEGS by 3 points, but we had a dismal afternoon dropping points to both Ashville and Yarm and getting thoroughly trounced by QEGS, losing all five games.in that match. All too typical was John's result – he won all three games in the morning and then, in the afternoon against the same three opponents, lost all three.

Individual Scores

Gavin Minty	11/18
John Brooker	12/18
Tom Gholkar	15/18
Thomas Langley	16/18
Ishan Deshpande	9/15
Oliver Bennett	1/3

Ishan and Oliver shared board 5, Oliver playing reserve in 5 rounds and Ishan. Ishan actually scored 4 wins from his 6 games and Oliver 5 wins from his.

Match Results

Morning

RGS 15	Ashville 5
RGS 11	QEGS 9
RGS 13	Yarm 7

Afternoon

RGS 11	Ashville 9
RGS 5	QEGS 15
RGS 11	Yarm 9

Under-9 section

1. QEGS, Wakefield	44
2. RGS, Newcastle	42
3. Yarm	34

Things were more complicated here. Mr Crowther, in charge of the competition, invented an Arbiter's team, made out of various reserves from the schools and with the occasional teacher thrown in. The scores, for and against the arbiter's team are counted in the individual totals below, but did not count in the team competition above.

I was delighted by the performance of the RGS team here. They came much closer to winning this competition than any other RGS under-9 team in recent years. On top board, George had a really hard day, but kept on trying cheerfully throughout. Down a board, on boards 2 and 3 John and Adam were outstanding. They were the real stars of the day, but all the team will get M**s B**s for the overall team performance

Individual Scores

George Wyatt	8/18
John Abraham	16/18
Adam Clark	17/18
Edward Langley	13/18
Thomas Aldridge	8/12
William Kirk	3/6

Thomas was reserve twice and William four times. From all six games Thomas scored 3 wins and 3 losses. Thomas scored 2 wins, 3 losses and a draw.

Match Results

Morning

RGS 8	QEGS 12
RGS 12	Yarm 8

Afternoon

RGS 12	QEGS 8
RGS 10	Yarm 10