

NJCA players in the January 2010 Grading list

The English Chess Federation published its latest rapidplay grading list for juniors last weekend. As usual some 60-70 of our Northumberland youngsters featured in the list which counted games played between May and November last year.

At the Under-9 level 6 of our boys featured in the list of 'Top 100' under 9s. Zheming Zhang (Cragside; grade 123) was top. William Wilkinson (RGS; 93) was 16th in the list, whilst Manav Gupta (RGS; 76), Anthony Lai and Joseph Dalton (both RGS; 75) formed a little group around 40th. Aidan Byrne (St Teresa's; 65) also made it to the 'Top 100'. Zheming and William also made it into the 'Top 100' under 10s where they were joined by Hugo Meecham (King's; 86). Zheming (still only 7 yrs old) remains in the top 100 lists for U-11s, U-12s and U-13s!

Three of our boys made it in the 'Top 100' most improved players. Here Thomas Posner, grade increase from 36 to 70, was 9th in the national list which includes adults as well as juniors. William Wilkinson who had increased his grade by 31 points was 12th. Ibrahim Nasser whose grade increased from 68 to 87 and James Ferrier who had increased his grade from 31 to 49 also featured in this list

Visit the ECF website for the full list.