

CUMBRIA SCHOOLS TEAMS OF FOUR TOURNAMENT

Played at Austin Friars School, Carlisle, on 29th November

There were two competitions, one for secondary school teams and one for primary schools. From Northumberland, RGS took ten teams, 3 in the secondary section and 7 in the primary section; St Teresa's, Heaton, took two teams in the primary section. We are, as always, grateful to the Cumbria organiser, Syd Cassidy, and his team from Austin Friars who ran everything smoothly. Each team played 5 matches, so the maximum score is 20.

THE SECONDARY SCHOOL SECTION

1. RGS, Newcastle 'A'	15
2. Trinity, Carlisle	14
3. Austin Friars, Carlisle	11½
4. William Howard, Brampton	10
5. RGS, Newcastle 'B'	9½
6. QEGS, Penrith	7
7. RGS, Newcastle 'C'	5

This Section was very close and the RGS 'A' team, Max Jones, Ismail Essa, Tom Aldridge and Chris Wilson dropped what might have been a number of critical points. Ismail, playing excellently on board 2 won all his games. Chris dropped only one point on board 4, Max and Tom each scored 3/5. Uche Obonna, playing top board for our 'C' team, scored 4 points from his 5 games.

THE PRIMARY SCHOOL SECTION

1. RGS, Newcastle 'A'	16
2. St Teresa's, Heaton 'A'	13
3. RGS, Newcastle 'E'	13
4. RGS, Newcastle 'B'	11½
5. RGS, Newcastle 'F'	11½
6. Stanwix, Carlisle	10½
7. RGS, Newcastle 'C'	10½
8. Kingmoor, Carlisle	10½
9. RGS, Newcastle 'G'	10
10. RGS, Newcastle 'D'	8½
11. St Teresa's, Heaton 'B'	8½
12. St Monica's, Carlisle	6½
13. High Hesket	5½

For RGS Juniors, this was the second long trip this week following the successful visit to Wakefield. But the St Teresa's 'A' team (Zheming Zhang, Jack Hughes, Daniel Bell and Aidan Byrne) went into an early lead as the RGS teams set about cutting each others throats. RGS 'A' (Naman Garg, Akhil Gupta, Arjun Anilkumar, Abhishek Kamath) however took over the lead by the start of the final round, just half a point ahead. In the final round RGS 'A' took 4 points off Stanwix; the successful RGS Under-9s from Wednesday, masquerading as RGS 'E', narrowly beat St Teresa's 'A' to give our 'A' team a surprisingly convincing victory.