

HMC Chess Tournament

Played at Q.E.G.S., Wakefield on Wednesday, 25th November

Two schools from the Northumberland area, RGS and the King's School, Tynemouth, took part in this event, well organised by Mr Robert Thompson at Q.E.G.S. As usual there were two tournaments, at Under-11 and at Under-9. Eight teams took part in each section of the tournament. Remember that in an HMC tournament three points are awarded for a win, two for a draw and one for just taking part. Hence the high scoring, with a maximum team total of 105 and a minimum 35.

Under-11 Section

By the luck of the draw the two best teams in this tournament, QEGS and RGS, were not due to play each other until the final round. And both had won all their matches up to this point. QEGS however had a narrow three point advantage and so RGS needed to win the final match. This they just failed to do and so had to be content with second place. Final placings in this section were:

1. QEGS, Wakefield	99
2. RGS, Newcastle	94
3. Yarm	78
4. King's, Tynemouth	72
5. Lyndhurst	59
6. Bootham, York	58
7. St Olave's, York	51
8. Ashville, Harrogate	49

Hugo Meecham, captain of King's, managed to score 7 wins from his 7 games, an outstanding top board achievement (Note that he also attends Jesmond Chess Club at RGS on Friday evenings). For RGS both Abhishek Kamath and James Ferrier also scored 7/7

Under-9 Section

If the older section was in doubt up to the final match, there was no doubt at all about the best team in this section. RGS had virtually won the section by Round 4 when they won every single game in the match against QEGS'A'. They had already whitewashed the Yarm team in Round 2. The remaining interest was to see who came second. Lyndhurst, from Pocklington, were the only team to take just the one game off the RGS team. Final placings:

1. RGS, Newcastle	103
2. Yarm	86
3. QEGS'A', Wakefield	80
4. QEGS'B', Wakefield	71
5. Bootham, York	58
6. St Olave's, York	58
7. King's, Tynemouth	52
8. Lyndhurst	52

Five of the six RGS players, Manav Gupta, William Wilkinson, Daniel Lai, Joseph Dalton and Hamish Burnett all scored 7 wins from their 7 games. An outstanding team performance.