

St Teresa's Chess Congress

63 children took part in the first Junior Chess Congress at St Teresa's, Heaton, on Saturday 8th November. We were all made most welcome by John Harrison (Headmaster) and the children and parents from the school. In spite of the damp weather, the delightful almost-rural setting of the school in Jesmond Dene with plenty of space for the children to run around and let off steam between games helped to make this a splendid event.

In the Senior, Over-13, event Oliver Rice (Queen Elizabeth's, Hexham) and Ben Cull (RGS) shared top place, with Ben Hogarth (RGS) coming third in a select field.

The Under-12 event was interesting in that it contained a mixture of Junior (year 6) and Senior (Year 7) children. Top place was shared by two of the younger ones. Chris Wilson (RGS) winning his first major trophy, shared top place with Mark Rowden (S.Shields), Third was Uche Obonna, a year 7 entrant to RGS. I had told the RGS year 6 players that this competition was to be a final trial before picking the team for the HMC Championships at Wakefield on the 26th. Ibrahim Nasser did his chances of getting into the team no harm at all, especially in beating an off-form Urban Coningham in R3. He led the competition at this stage, but sadly he tailed off a bit as he grew tired in the last few rounds.

The Under-10 and Under-8 competitions becomes "A Tale of two Guptas". Akhil won a trophy at U-10, losing only once and sharing top place with the experienced Andrew Gatenby of Red Rose. Third placed, Jack Hughes was getting back to his best form too. 8-year old Daksh Sharma did particularly well in this tournament too. Ikenna Obonna and the ubiquitous Will Murgatroyd also did well.

Following his success in the RGS Congress we expected great things of Manav Gupta. He didn't disappoint, sharing top place with Zheming Zhang of Craggside. It was 6-year old Zheming's first tournament at all - he has not been taught how to play chess, but learnt from watching videos. All this makes his performance truly spectacular. Mark Broughton, Anthony Lai and William Wilkinson also did well. Chidera Obonna too made his mark on the today, but more with his football than his chess - Mr Harrison was very understanding and did not seem to mind the broken window!

St Teresa's 08 - Heaton - UNDER - 8 SECTION

1 Zheming Zhang (Craggside)	9b1 11b1 2w1 4w1 6b1 5b1 3w0	6
2 Manav Gupta (RGS)	3b1 8w1 1b0 5w1 4b1 6w1 7b1	6
3 Aidan Byrne (St Teresa's)	2w0 10b1 6w0 12b1 9b1 4w1 1b1	5
4 Mark Broughton (St Teresa's)	7w1 5b1 11w1 1b0 2w0 3b0 8w1	4
5 Anthony Lai (RGS)	6b1 4w0 9w1 2b0 8b1 1w0 10w1	4
6 Peter Owen (NPS)	5w0 7b1 3b1 9w1 1w0 2b0 12w1	4
7 Sam Warwick (NPS)	4b0 6w0 8b~ 10w1 12w1 11b1 2w0	3.5
8 William Wilkinson (RGS)	10w~ 2b0 7w~ 11b1 5w0 12b1 4b0	3
9 Divanna Andrychenko (St Teresa's)	1w0 12w1 5b0 6b0 3w0 10b~ 11w~	2
10 Gabriel Penman (St Teresa's)	8b~ 3w0 12b0 7b0 11w1 9w~ 5b0	2
11 Chidera Obonna (RGS)	12b1 1w0 4b0 8w0 10b0 7w0 9b~	1.5
12 Shay Stobbart (NPS)	11w0 9b0 10w1 3w0 7b0 8w0 6b0	1

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1 Andrew Gatenby (Red Rose)	15w1 3b1 9w1 2b1 6w1 10b1 5w0	6
2 Akhil Gupta (RGS)	7b1 5w1 4b1 1w0 11w1 12b1 9w1	6
3 Jack Hughes (St Teresa's)	24b1 1w0 16b1 4w1 5b1 7w½ 11w1	5.5
4 Louis McBride (Tynemouth)	18w1 23b1 2w0 3b0 13b1 17w1 6w1	5
5 Daksh Sharma (RGS)	19w1 2b0 26w1 20b1 3w0 9b1 1b1	5
6 Arjun Anilkumar (RGS)	29b1 21w1 8b1 13w1 1b0 14w1 4b0	5
7 Daniel Bell (St Teresa's)	2w0 19b1 17w1 10b1 9w0 3b½ 18b1	4.5
8 Angus Clarke (Ponteland M.S.)	22w1 17b1 6w0 11b0 15w½ 19b1 13b1	4.5
9 Rahim Yakoob (NPS)	27w1 11b1 1b0 14w1 7b1 5w0 2b0	4
10 I kenna Obonna (RGS)	14b0 12w1 22b1 7w0 16b1 1w0 21b1	4
11 Will Murgatroyd (RGS)	bye 9w0 15b1 8w1 2b0 18w1 3b0	4
12 Asheek Sarkar (RGS)	20w½ 10b0 29w1 23b1 14b½ 2w0 17b1	4
13 Thomas Posner (RGS)	16w1 14b½ 20w1 6b0 4w0 15b1 8w0	3.5
14 Kate Garrett (St Teresa's)	10w1 13w½ 21b1 9b0 12w½ 6b0 16w½	3.5
15 Owen Bell (St Teresa,s)	1b0 24w1 11w0 26b1 8b½ 13w0 22w1	3.5
16 Peter Black (St Teresa's)	13b0 27w1 3w0 28b1 10w0 23b1 14b½	3.5
17 Eamon Banerjee (NPS)	26b1 8w0 7b0 25w1 19w1 4b0 12w0	3
18 Jack Ford (NPS)	4b0 20b0 24b1 21w1 23w1 11b0 7w0	3
19 Sabrina Mzumbu (St Teresa's)	5b0 7w0 27b1 22w1 17b0 8w0 28b1	3
20 Georgina Lobb (St Teresa's)	12b½ 18w1 13b0 5w0 25b½ 21w0 26w1	3
21 Sukhdeep Singh (RGS)	25w1 6b0 14w0 18b0 26w1 20b1 10w0	3
22 Stephanie Black (St Teresa's)	8b0 28w1 10w0 19b0 27b1 25w1 15b0	3
23 Lewis White (NPS)	28b1 4w0 25b½ 12w0 18b0 16w0 bye	3
24 Mae Jankowski (St Teresa's)	3w0 15b0 18w0 29b½ bye 28w½ 25b½	2.5
25 Mark Donald (NPS)	21b0 29w1 23w½ 17b0 20w½ 22b0 24w½	2.5
26 Lorcan Keating (RGS)	17w0 bye 5b0 15w0 21b0 27w1 20b0	2
27 Chris Graney Ward (St Teresa's)	9b0 16b0 19w0 bye 22w0 26b0 29w1	2
28 Adam Barnard (St Teresa's)	23w0 22b0 bye 16w0 29b½ 24b½ 19w0	2
29 Ben Murphy (St Teresas)	6w0 25b0 12b0 24w½ 28w½ bye 27b0	2

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1 Mark Rowden (South Shields)	12b1 6w½ 10b1 3w½ 4b1 2w½ 7b1	5.5
2 Christopher Wilson (RGS)	11w0 15b1 12w1 7b1 8w1 1b½ 4w1	5.5
3 Uche Obonna (RGS)	8w1 7b0 9w1 1b½ 6w1 4w½ 5b1	5
4 Ibrahim Nasser (RGS)	15w1 11b1 7w1 5b1 1w0 3b½ 2b0	4.5
5 Ivan Lyman (RGS)	9b1 10w½ 6b1 4w0 11b1 8b½ 3w0	4
6 Sophie Gatenby (Chester-le-Street)	13w1 1b½ 5w0 9b1 3b0 12w1 8w½	4
7 Urban Coningham (RGS)	14b1 3w1 4b0 2w0 12b1 10w1 1w0	4
8 Mauro Ambelez (St Teresa's)	3b0 14w1 11w1 10b1 2b0 5w½ 6b½	4
9 Eashan Patel (RGS)	5w0 13b1 3b0 6w0 14b1 13w1 12b1	4
10 Kyran Brady (Tynemouth)	bye 5b½ 1w0 8w0 13b1 7b0 14w½	3
11 Nicholas Byrne (St Teresa;s)	2b1 4w0 8b0 14w1 5w0 14w1 13b0	3
12 David Foo (Kings)	1w0 bye 2b0 13b1 7w0 6b0 9w0	2
13 Sam Nicholson (St Teresa's)	6b0 9w0 14b½ 12w0 10w0 9b0 11w1	2
14 Zaima Hussain (St Teresa's)	7w0 8b0 13w½ 11b0 9w0 11b0 10b½	1
15 Beth Sheerin (RGS)	4b0 2w0 Withdrew from tournament	0

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1 Oliver Rice (QEHS Hexham)		3w0	bye	4b1	2w1	6b1	7w1	5b1	6
2 Ben Cull (RGS)		7b1	4w1	3w1	1b0	5b1	6w1	bye	6
3 Ben Hogarth (RGS)		1b1	6w1	2b0	5w0	bye	4b1	7w1	5
4 Thomas Glenwright (Tynemouth)		5w1	2b0	1w0	bye	7b1	3w0	6b1	4
5 Dominic Byrne (St Teresa's)		4b0	7w1	6b1	3b1	2w0	bye	1w0	4
6 Anna Shukurova (Tynemouth)		bye	3b0	5w0	7b1	1w0	2b0	4w0	2
7 Gareth Price (QEHS)		2w0	5b0	bye	6w0	4w0	1b0	3b0	1