

RGS RESULTS 2005

Northumbria Junior Chess Association organisers, Paul Bielby and Gerry Beldon, were well pleased with the attendance of more than 60 youngsters at the Royal Grammar School Chess Congress on Saturday.

In a tense under-18 section things could not have been closer. After the 7 round rapidplay competition Sam Beldon (St Thomas More) had won the tournament with 5 points. No fewer than six players shared second place just half a point behind. They were Simon Love from Astley High School (in his first ever chess tournament) and five boys, Jamie Sheerin, Tom Glover, Asef Zahed, Max Jones and Chris Walker all from RGS.

In contrast the Under-13 tournament was all too easy for Andrew Douglas (RGS) who made the days only 100% score with 7/7. Second-placed, Megan Pattie from Tynemouth JCC was the best girl on the day with 5/7. Three people, Aine Beldon (Tynemouth), Jeremy Charlton and Zaamin Hussain (both RGS) shared third place.

RGS boys dominated at Under-11 taking the top 12 places in what was the largest tournament on the day. Champion was Gavin Minty on 7½/8. Thomas Langley (7/8) was second and Tom Gholkar (5½/8) third

Twenty boys took part in the Under-9 tournament; none had played in a competitive event before, so all was new to them. Again eight rounds were played and the Champion was George Wyatt of RGS with 5 wins and no fewer than 3 stalemates! Second place on 5½/8 was shared by Thomas Aldridge (RGS) and Michael Scholkemper, keeping the King's School, Tynemouth, bandana flying

Thanks go to BCF Senior Arbiter, John Turnock; 'Bandana Chess' author and King's School Chess Coach, Charlie Storey; Astley HS teacher, Paul Richardson, and parents Joanne Gholkar and Kevin Rowden who all helped everything to run cheerfully and smoothly throughout the day.

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U-18 (Scores out of 7)

1. Sam Beldon (Tynemouth)	5
2= Thomas Glover (RGS)	4½
2= Max Jones (RGS)	4½
2= Simon Love (Astley)	4½
2= Jamie Sheerin (RGS)	4½
2= Chris Walker (RGS)	4½
2= Asef Zahed (RGS)	4½
8= Kunal Gupta (RGS)	1
8= Katie Latdler (Astley)	1
8= David Morris (Astley)	1

U-13 (Scores out of 7)

1. Andrew Douglas (RGS)	7
2. Megan Pattie (Tynemouth)	5
3= Aine beldon (Tynemouth)	4
3= Jeremy Charlton (RGS)	4
3= Zaamin Hussain (RGS)	4
6= Alastair Campbell (Tynemouth)	3
6= Vignesh Paleri (RGS)	3
8= Alistair Clark (RGS)	1
8= David Hammill (Marden Bridge)	1

U-11 (Scores out of 8)

1. Gavin Minty (RGS)	7½
2. Thomas Langley (RGS)	7
3. Tom Gholkar (RGS)	5½
4= William Atkinson (RGS)	5
4= John Brooker (RGS)	5
4= Ben Cull (RGS)	5
4= Joseph Hicks (RGS)	5
8= Jack McHigh (RGS)	4½
8= Ruben Tadmor (RGS)	4½
10= Martin Donohue (RGS)	4
10= Andrew Louw (RGS)	4
10= James Schofield (RGS)	4
13= Peter Campbell (Valley Gardens)	3½
13= Lewis Ford (RGS)	3½
13= James Lau (RGS)	3½
13= Vikram Sehgal (RGS)	3½
17= Kristofer Jefferson (RGS)	3
17= Jamie Naik (RGS)	3
17= Catherine Pattie (Tynemouth)	3
20. Richard Ridgway (RGS)	2½
21. Anna Shukurova (Tynemouth)	1
22. Edward Campbell-Rowntree (King's)	½

U-9 (Scores out of 8)

1. George Wyatt (RGS)	6½
2= Thomas Aldridge (RGS)	5½
2= Michael Scholkemper (King's)	5½
4= Adam Clark (RGS)	5
4= William Kirk (RGS)	5
4= Benjamin Ogden (RGS)	5
4= Philip Steavenson (King's)	5
8. John Abraham (RGS)	4½
9= Curtis Jones (RGS)	4
9= Edward Langley (RGS)	4
9= Hugh McGregor (RGS)	4
9= Oliver Wright (RGS)	4
13= David Carluke (RGS)	3½
13= Mark Rowden (Jesmond)	3½
15= Haaris Ahmed (RGS)	3
15= Thomas Johnston (RGS)	3
15= Jamie Parsons (RGS)	3
18= Patrick Ridgway (RGS)	2½
18= Jamie Robson (RGS)	2½
20. Arjun Sehgal (RGS)	1