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Summer Term 2024 St Richard Reynolds Catholic College (SRRCC) Chess Club

Thursday Lunchtime 25th April to 4th July 2024

Dear Parents,

Chess starts again on 25th April 2024. It is open to **Y7-Y9 only** of any standard, including complete beginners. With **limited places** available they will be offered to pupils in these age groups on a **first-come-first-served basis**.

We play and learn about strategy and tactics together

Chess **improves concentration, memory and calculating ability. It also develops cognitive thinking** and analytical skills, training the mind to **plan ahead**.

Although fun, it is not all about winning. They will learn from their losses and become more **resilient** and how to stay **calm under pressure**. You will see your child grow in confidence as they progress! The school had several **Gigafinalists** last year

This Summer Term we will encourage parents to enter their child for the ECF Certificate of Excellence – Bronze/Silver/Gold levels after they have been thoroughly prepared.

My name is Mark Hogarth, I am a very experienced Chess teacher, Junior Chess County selector and qualified Chess Arbiter. Complete beginners are **taught from scratch** until they are ready to be assimilated into the main group which covers Openings/middlegame strategy/basic endgames & checkmating patterns.

County U11 Chess Selector • Senior England International • chess tournament director • managed nationally/internationally

Whilst working at Credit Suisse First Boston I successfully pioneered Chess Partners as part of the Tower Hamlets Education Business Partnership, a Charity, teaching Primary School kids in London's East End.

Lunchtime – Y7 to Y9 only [12.40-13.10pm]

Existing/prospective members can request a place by emailing hilary.hogarth@btinternet.com the following info **asap**:

1. Your Child's Name
2. Year Group and Class
3. Chess Ability (e.g. beginner, basic moves, castling, chess notation)
4. Parent/Guardian Contact Name, email address and mobile number (**2 mobile numbers required**)
5. Details of any allergy, medical needs (including use of inhalers and epi-pens)

Entries will be on a **first-come-first-served basis**. Places will go fast. We will email you directly if we have space for your child, and at that stage we will send you our **payment instructions** and general joining instructions. **If you are in receipt of Pupil Premium then please contact the school directly** as you **may** be eligible to join chess club for **free**.

Regards, Mark Hogarth, Chess Teacher. Any queries, email: hilary.hogarth@btinternet.com 07976 639250

Please note sessions will only be refunded in the event of a whole school closure **except** when a **force majeure**.