

RICHMOND JUNIOR CHESS CLUB

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REGISTERED CHARITY No. 1074586

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Dear Parents, Children and Tournament Players,

We are pleased to inform you of the Club's plans for the coming school year, 2011/12.

Saturday afternoons – please note new venue and times

The Club will be open every Saturday afternoon during term time at Orleans Park School Richmond Road Twickenham, Middlesex, TW1 3BB, with the main session running from 13.00 to 16.00.

We will usually have three experienced coaches present:- currently James Coleman, Marie Gallagher and Peter Sowray. Our aim will be to provide an educational, stimulating and enjoyable experience through a mixture of coaching and playing activities. The sessions will be suitable for children from 8 to 16 years old and will be divided according to age and ability. Participants should know the rules of the game and be playing regularly either at school or at home to obtain the maximum benefit.

Younger Children

We recognise that a 3-hour session can be demanding, particularly for younger children. We take a relaxed attitude to time-keeping, so please feel free to arrive a bit later or leave a bit earlier. As a rough guide, the first hour is usually devoted to coaching, the second hour to playing a serious game, and the final hour to fun activities. Parents are welcome to stay and observe a session, but please do not feel under any obligation to do so.

Our dates for 2011/12 will be as follows:

Autumn Term: September 17th 2011 to December 3rd 2011 inclusive,
with a special event on December 10th 2011

Spring Term: January 7th 2012 to March 24th 2012 inclusive

Summer Term: April 21st 2012 to July 7th 2012 inclusive

On Saturday December 10th 2011, the Club will organise a trip to the **London Chess Classic** (www.londonchessclassic.com) at Kensington Olympia. This is a unique opportunity for Club members to see some of the world's best chess players in action, alongside the top British players. This proved a very popular event last year and more details will be published nearer the time. Entry will be free to Richmond Club members. The club will not be open on December 10th.

Tuesday evenings – Richmond Junior Chess Club at Twickenham Prep School (TPS)

The Club also runs sessions on Tuesday evenings during term time, taking place at: **Twickenham Prep School, Beveree, 43 High Street, Hampton, Middlesex TW12 2SA**. We meet from 17.15 to 18.45. The Club is grateful for the considerable support we receive from Twickenham Prep School. Children attending TPS should contact the school directly to enroll. The dates for the 2011/12 will be published in due course.

Competitions

We know that many of our members enjoy playing in individual competitions and representing the Club in team competitions. We also recognise that one of the best ways for young players to develop their chess skills is to take part regularly in competitions. We have therefore expanded our programme of competitive events this year as follows:

1) Blitz tournaments

We will organize a **blitz tournament** at the end of each term. These take place on Saturday afternoons and will run alongside our normal Club sessions. Everyone will be encouraged to take part in these tournaments and there will be small cash prizes on offer. These tournaments will be open to non-members and entry will be free to Richmond Club members.

The blitz tournament dates will be:

Autumn Term: October 15th 2011 and November 19th 2011
Spring Term: March 24th 2012
Summer Term: June 30th 2012

2) Richmond Junior Chess Club Championship

This will include a qualifying competition for the UK Chess Challenge Megafinal and will take place during the Spring term. Once again, entry is included within your membership fees. The winners in each age group will receive trophies and the title of RJCC Champion.

3) London Junior Chess Championship qualifying competition

We will be hosting the LJCC qualifying competition as in previous years at Twickenham Prep school on Saturday 1st October.

4) English Primary Schools Chess Association (EPSCA)

We will again enter the Under 11 and Under 9 competitions.

5) We also hope to arrange more ad hoc matches against other clubs or schools.

The Club still maintains connections with the Richmond Rapidplay tournaments and would encourage all Club members to consider playing in these events. More details can be found at www.surreyrapidchess.org.

More information on all the above activities is available on the Richmond Junior Chess Club web site, www.rjcc.org.uk. I'd like to thank everybody for their support last year and I hope that the Club will continue to go from strength to strength. If anybody has any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to be in touch. With best wishes for a successful season.

Marie Gallagher

On behalf of the Committee of Richmond Junior Chess Club

RICHMOND JUNIOR CHESS CLUB MEMBERSHIP FORM 2011/12

Fees for the 2011/12 season are as follows:

Annual Membership: £225.00, One Term Membership: £105.00
(Part Term Memberships by arrangement)

Membership will entitle children to attend Saturday afternoon sessions at the Club and participate in all the activities detailed in this prospectus. We may impose a limit on the number of members accepted due to the space constraints. Should space permit, non-members can attend at a fee of £12 per session.

RJCC at Twickenham Prep School (Tuesday evenings): £60.00 (Autumn Term). These sessions are open to Club members and non-members alike. Children attending Twickenham Prep School should contact the school directly if they are interested in attending.

Name of child
Date of Birth
School
Address
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Post Code
Phone
Email

My child is / is not (*please delete as applicable*) interested in playing for the Club in team competitions.

I enclose my cheque payable to **Richmond Junior Chess Club** (NOT Marie Gallagher, please)

for £_____ including a donation of _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

If your children have any health problems or special needs which you think we should know about, please give details below.

Please return completed forms / cheques to: Marie Gallagher, 53 Selkirk Road, Twickenham, Middlesex TW2 6PS. Please make cheques payable to RICHMOND JUNIOR CHESS CLUB (not Marie Gallagher).

RICHMOND JUNIOR CHESS CLUB HOME-CLUB AGREEMENT

RJCC is committed to the safety and welfare of the children in the Club. All our coaches have been CRB (Criminal Records Bureau) checked.

THE CLUB WILL:-

- Provide sets, boards, clocks and other material necessary for the playing of Chess.
- Provide an atmosphere conducive to the playing and study of Chess at a level appropriate to the age and ability of the Member.
- Oppose behaviour by anybody in the Club that limits the ability of others to play and enjoy their chess, and seek to create an environment that is disciplined and supportive and in which individuals respect each other.
- Oppose and address bullying, harassment or abuse whether motivated racially or in any other way.
- Contact parents with regard to any problems concerning their children's behaviour or attitude.
- Be available at all times to speak to parents/guardians with regard to their children's progress and ability at chess, and all other matters concerning their Club membership.
- Maintain a Child Protection Policy and appoint Child Protection Officers. The CPP and contact details of the CPOs will be available on the Club website.

AS A PARENT/GUARDIAN I WILL:-

- Guarantee that my Child is aware of the importance of a high standard of behaviour and the need to respect other people, and the Club premises and equipment.
- Encourage my Child by providing the opportunity to play and study Chess regularly, to compete in tournaments and to represent the Club in team competitions if selected.
- Support the Club's disciplinary requirements as a necessary backdrop to the successful teaching of Chess in a Club environment.
- Accept reasonable sanctions and disciplinary measures taken by the Club in the event of a misdemeanour involving my Child.

AS A CLUB MEMBER I WILL:-

- Discuss the Home – Club Agreement with my Parent/Carer: my signature below shows that I support the statements contained in it.
- Work hard and play hard to improve and enjoy my Chess, accept the discipline and uphold the standards of the Club, respecting other people and looking after the Club equipment and environment.

Signed by:- _____ (Club Member(s))

_____ (Parent/Guardian)