

**The British Land UK Chess Challenge
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SABRINA CHEVANNES CHESS TOUR

Sabrina Chevannes, our leading under 21 girl player, will be touring the secondary schools of the Home Counties and London taking on up to 25 players at the same time. The schools will be competing amongst themselves, winning a trophy and a fabulous wooden chess set, for the highest score against Sabrina.

This unique event, the first one in the history of UK Chess, has been sponsored by British Land, and is intended to promote the playing and enjoyment of the world's greatest game amongst our teenagers.

Already 20 schools have signed up for this bruising encounter and the first meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 20th February at Honeywood Community Science School, at Coggeshall, Essex.

Simultaneous chess has long been the source of amazement and fascination in the world of chess, and frequently hit the headlines in the national media. The simultaneous tour by the American boy prodigy, Samuel Reshevsky, at the age of 6 has become legendary, and who can forget the stunning triumphs which have heralded future champions who took on and conquered famous players who were themselves giving displays. There was young Botvinnik defeating World Champion Capablanca in 1927; Nigel Short and his tremendous victory over Victor Korchnoi at the age of nine (Short was 9 not Korchnoi!) and, more recently, the dramatic defeat of International Woman Grandmaster Susan Lalic at the hands of 6 year old David Howell.

No doubt Sabrina's display will have equally memorable moments and will help to promote the game as a social as well as a competitive event.

We will keep you regularly posted of the results of this amazing tour on our website www.ukchesschallenge.com.

For further details of the display or if you would like *your school* to take up the cudgels against Sabrina, contact:

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