

## **Junior Chess Directorate Report 20.7.18**

### **International England Team Events**

#### **1. European Schools Chess Championships Krakow, Poland 29 June – 8 July 2018.**

The England Team consisted of 18 players and performance success ranged from 39% to 83%. Jessica Mellor achieved the gold medal in the U11 girls section at this event with a score of 7 ½ out of 9.

#### **2. Glorney Cup, Gilbert Cup, Robinson Cup and Stokes Cup 2018 Glasgow, Scotland – 16-18 July 2018**

U14 Robinson team finished joint first with the Netherlands on 21 out of 30, but lost on a tie break. The U12 Stokes team also finished with 21 out of 30, but fell a half point short of the Dutch for the title. The U-18 Women's Gilbert team finished in third place behind the Dutch and the French, and the U-18 Glorney team finished above the Welsh.

Now that the competition has become stronger we intend to change this to a Major Championship (from a developmental) next year.

#### **3. European Youth Chess Championship U8 – U18 Riga, Latvia 19 – 30 August 2018**

The England team consists of 28 players with 7 coaches.

#### **4. World Youth Chess Championship U14, U16 and U18 Halkidiki, Greece 19 October – 1 November 2018**

The team is anticipated to consist of 8-12 players with 2-3 coaches

#### **5. World Cadets Chess Championship U8, U10, U12 Santiago de Compostela (Galicia), Spain 3 – 16 November 2018**

The team is anticipated to consist of 8-12 players with 2-3 coaches

#### **6. World Junior and Girls U20 Chess Championship Gebze, Kocaeli, Turkey 4 – 16 September 2018.**

We have registered Ravi Haria and Matthew Wadsworth for this event

### **The ECF Academy**

The Academy is in its third year running and continues to be oversubscribed guaranteeing higher levels of players and a strong pool of talent within the Academy.

#### **Academy Elites:**

IM Ravi Haria finishing first with 7/9 in the Pula Open, FM Joseph McPhillips and FM Andrew Horton both scored 6.5/9. Andrew and Joseph are now waiting for their IM titles to be verified.

### Academy International:

As per the international item, Jessica Mellor won the U11 girls section at the European Schools Chess Championships. Over 50% of the England team, including all the top scorers are on an ECF Chess Academy programme.

Most of the top academy players are safely through to the Terafinal or Challengers of the UK Chess Challenge

The next academy weekend is 8-9 September 2018 in Nottingham. Demand for taster weekend places is high for this weekend once more. The majority of those taking part in the first 2 taster weekends of this year have already requested to apply for a full place on the international programme in January 2019.

We had hoped to use the new ECF logo this year but are awaiting further help with the logo for the academy for the pens

### ECF Schools

The finals of the ECF National Schools Chess Championships took place at Uppingham 3-6 July 2018.

The U19 Championship, now in its 61<sup>st</sup> year, was won by Reading School  
(<https://www.englishchess.org.uk/NSCC/u19-final-2018/> )

The U11 Championship was won by Hallfield School (Birmingham)

My thanks go to the ECF Schools team for their hard work. Phill Beckett is due to take over as ECF Schools Manager.

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