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Book your tickets now for the 2021 London Chess Classic!

The UK's favourite chess festival, the [London Chess Classic](#), organised by the charity [Chess in Schools and Communities](#) (CSC), is back for its 12th edition on **December 3-12, 2021** at a brand new venue, the [Cavendish Conference Centre](#) in central London. Due to limitations on numbers imposed by Covid, the festival will look a little different this year – but we're sure you'll like the fantastic range of events on offer.

England v Rest of the World match

As well as the 'Chess Fun Days' for 100 children from [CSC school classes](#) from around the UK, the centrepiece of the 2021 Classic will be the [England v. the Rest of the World match](#), taking place over six days (December 3-5 & December 7-9, with matches starting at 4pm UK time).

England's **Michael Adams**, **Luke McShane** and **Gawain Jones** will take on the Rest of the World team of former World Championship Challenger **Boris Gelfand**, 2021 Russian Champion **Nikita Vitiugov** and France's **Maxime Lagarde** in a Scheveningen Team Tournament.



England's team will be led by Mickey Adams

Live Commentary with Nigel Short



Nigel Short is a popular guest at the London Classic

Ticket holders at the Cavendish Centre will be treated to a ringside seat to [Live Interactive Commentary](#) led by England's World Championship Challenger, **Nigel Short**, of the England v Rest of the World match and the eagerly-awaited [Magnus Carlsen v. Ian Nepomniatchi World Championship match](#) in Dubai.

As a member of the studio audience, you will be able to ask your questions directly to Nigel and his fellow commentators, **Matthew Sadler**, **Stuart Conquest** and **Natasha Regan**.

RAC Club hosts Pro-Biz Cup

On Monday 6 December, the **London Classic Pro-Biz Cup** will take place at its traditional venue, the RAC Club on Pall Mall, featuring leading business personalities playing in tandem with GM superstars to raise funds for Chess in Schools and Communities.

For more information about how to take part, please contact: info@chessinschools.co.uk



Magnus Carlsen and Demis Hassabis (right) team up against David Howell and Rajko Vujatovic (left) at the 2019 Pro-Biz Cup

Wide Range of Events for Chess Fans

Throughout the [London Chess Classic schedule](#), there will be plenty of action at the Cavendish Centre for [Commentary, Blitz and Simul ticket holders](#) to take part in and watch:

- A Chess Café open to all;
- The [English Rapidplay Championship](#) (December 11-12) – a 10-player all-play-all, including GM Michael Adams, GM Luke McShane and GM Gawain Jones;
- The [English Women’s Rapidplay Championship](#) (December 4-5) – a 10 player all-play-all, including IM & WGM Harriet Hunt and WGM Katarzyna Toma;
- [FIDE-rated Open Blitz Tournaments](#) on 3, 4, 5 & 11 December, from 6pm-10pm;
- [GM Lectures](#) by Nigel Short, Boris Gelfand, Nikita Vitiugov, Matthew Sadler and Natasha Regan;
- Chess Quizzes led by CSC Master of Ceremonies Sean Marsh;
- [Grand Simultaneous Display](#): Nigel Short & the Rest of the World Team (Boris Gelfand, Nikita Vitiugov & Maxime Lagarde) will each take on 12 players on Sunday December 12 at 7pm.

To book your **LCC 2021 Commentary, Blitz & Simul tickets** go to:
<https://www.londonchessclassic.com/tickets.html>



[Cavendish Conference Centre](#), located in the heart of the West End (Duchess Mews, London W1G 9DT - nearest Tube: Oxford Circus), has a long established reputation for customer service, hospitality and superb conference facilities. The Cavendish Conference Centre has been voted Best Conference Venue Customer Service on many occasions.



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About Chess in Schools and Communities

Chess in Schools and Communities (CSC) is a UK charity whose mission is to improve children's educational outcomes and social development by introducing them to the game of chess. Founded in 2009, CSC now runs over 1,000 projects across the UK and a world-class tournament, the London Chess Classic, each December.

Chess is a low-cost, high-impact educational intervention. It knows no boundaries of age, gender, faith, ethnicity or disability, and can be played anywhere at any time. The game fosters intellectual and emotional skills crucial to a child's wider development; CSC teaches chess in disadvantaged communities to give every child the chance to realise their full potential and has expanded its programme to include libraries and prisons.

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