

## Junior Chess Activity & Information

As you may recall I am the Regional Organiser for The Charity **Chess In Schools and Communities (CSC)** and much of my junior involvement tends to be here in the Bristol and adjacent areas including Wiltshire.

Wiltshire Schools have tended to be occasional in wanting Chess support with lessons/Clubs from time to time being infrequent. **Presently there are no Schools in Wiltshire** which have taken up our offering. This typically being for lack of Budget, or indeed other pressures leading to a reluctance to commit that Curriculum time which has proved so successful in other areas.

Schools having smaller pupils (and or budgets) find this even more difficult as indeed are the lack of authorised CSC Tutors in our area.

I continue to speak with any one seeking information as regards Junior Chess and intend putting whoever in an informed position. Sources will usually be individuals (parents), Groups and Schools.

Families are made aware of our Junior Clubs often in the Swindon area.

***In my opinion its essential we all should foster interest in the Young encouraging their Chess. After all young players are very much our future membership!***

For my part I have encouraged attendees to a CSC Bristol event whilst recently running a Facebook post broadcasting what might be a 'best kept Chess secret'. Some Swindon Club organisers attended the former whilst I assisted several interested Chippenham area Schools and Clubs with information but not untypical **this led to 'nowt'**.

**I believe Wiltshire (perhaps excluding Swindon) are in danger of (if not already) falling behind other adjacent areas.**

Those Schools who might want CSC support can look forward to a heavily, and recently enhanced, subsidised Chess presence either by lessons or Clubs (Very much subject to TUTOR availability).

Inclusive of SETS, WORKBOOKS, ONLINE CHESSKID (Safeguarded) a TUTOR to run such on a weekly basis plus other benefits a CSC agreement now offers all this for a School Club averaged less than £30 per week a School Club and Lesson combined for £40 per week.

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