

The Pixmore Open 8 Junior Chess Tournament

The Pixmore Open is a friendly annual chess tournament for young people of school age. (The 2017 tournament saw 36 juniors playing across two age-based sections.) It is an ideal introduction to junior tournaments.

Contestants are divided into primary and secondary sections. Depending on the range of experience, there may also be an elite group in the secondary section so that contestants meet other players of similar strength from the start.

The tournament consists of 5 rounds interspersed with training sessions delivered by experienced coaches from the Letchworth & Hitchin Chess Club.

We are very pleased to welcome WIM Natasha Regan as our guest coach. She will be helping with some of the coaching for the top group.

Likely schedule:

09.00	Registration and welcome	13.00	Round 3
09.30	Round 1	13.45	Third training session
10.30	First training session	14.15	Round 4
11.15	Round 2	15.15	Round 5
12.00	Second training session	16.30	Awards
12.30	Lunch	17.00	End

During the day, parents and family are welcome to stay, using the school's dining area. Here teas, coffees and light snacks will be available from 10am, although we recommend bringing a packed lunch.

Parents tournament / coaching

This year we will be running a parents' tournament and coaching session alongside the junior events. Please indicate on the entry form if you wish to participate in this.

Playing junior chess in Letchworth

If you enjoy playing chess, then check out the Letchworth Junior Chess and Go Club which meets on Thursday evenings, term time only. For more information see: www.letchworth-go.org.uk

Is the tournament suitable for me?

If you have a firm grasp of the rules of chess, are prepared to play 'touch and move', have experience of your school chess club and, above all, are keen to improve your standard of play, then you should spend a happy day at the Pixmore Open.

To enter:

Complete the slip below, enclose entry fee (cheque payable to Letchworth Go Club) and return to:

Alison Bexfield, 130 Wilbury Road, Letchworth, Herts, SG6 4JG

Closing date: Friday 8 June 2018

Entry fee: Early bird entry fee £12.50 (by Friday 19 May 2018)
Late entry fee £15.00
Sibling discount £2.00, (third and subsequent siblings free).

ENTRY FORM: Pixmore Open 8, Saturday 16 June 2018,

NAME:

SCHOOL:

AGE: **YEAR GROUP AT SCHOOL**.....

Telephone.....**email**.....

CHESS GRADE (if known)..... **First tournament:** Yes / No.

I enclose entry fee of £15 /12.50 (cheques to Letchworth Go Club).

SIGNED (parent / carer) **Parent events:** yes / no

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Additional details

Contestant details may be held on computer for the sole purpose of informing you of future junior chess events. Unless permission is specifically withheld, photographs taken during the day may be used on the Letchworth Junior Chess and Go club website.

The tournament will be paired as an accelerated Swiss tournament. This means that the more experienced players will meet each other earlier in the tournament and the less experienced players will meet players of their level from the start.

The top boards may use clocks but for most boards clocks will not be used, with adjudication being used to decide games if they have not completed within the playing time allocated for each round.

There will be trophies for the top players in each section. All players who participate in the five rounds will receive a souvenir from the day.

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5 round tournament and coaching

Open to participants of school age.

Guest coach: Natasha Regan WIM

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