

# First Thematic Chess (Openings) tournament for School Boys and Girls!

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2017, 10.00 AM – 5.00 PM

A Chess Heritage Experience within the Celebration of 800<sup>th</sup> year of Mayoralty and Freeman in Newcastle upon Tyne

**Venue:** Dame Allan's Junior School and Nursery, Hunter's Road, Spital Tongues, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE2 4NG

- The distinct thematic chess tournament is run by **Enhance Institute of Chess Excellence, Newcastle in partnership with Dame Allan's Schools** and supportive communities in the North East.
- The tournament is open to all school children "**Primary Year 1** onwards" and will have 4 Categories. U7 / U9 / U11 and Seniors. We may have a separate Girls category where ever there are more than 6 girls (if appropriate).
- For all Rounds (except for last round), the starting position will be chosen from one 10<sup>th</sup> move of the 16 games played at the recently concluded World Chess Championship to promote World Class chess. The last round will begin from the standard starting position to help to transfer the learning.
- **All juniors with a will to explore chess opening ideas are welcomed – no previous tournament experience is required.**
- **TIME CONTROL:** It is a 5 Rounds (40-minute games + 10 min Bonus time) event with a scoresheet clinic to learn to write down the moves. Writing down the game is the best chess etiquette that has preserved the heritage of the game.
- **PROBLEM SOLVING:** There will be a Problem Solving contest (between rounds) on "**Opening Traps and Pitfalls**" to recall brilliant chess moments from last 800 years in the Chess history! Within opening moves!
- **PRIZES:** Top 3 in each category will receive a prize. A best-position and best combination prizes and the best, neatly written scoresheet will receive special prize too.
- **Lord Mayor's School Awards:** A special School's award honouring the Lord Mayor's support to chess, will be awarded as part of the "**800<sup>th</sup> year celebration of Mayoralty and Freeman in Newcastle**" to the school demonstrating the best chess etiquette by their pupils.
- **REGISTRATION** from 9:30am on the day. **Round 1 will start around 10.00 pm.** The event including prize-giving, should finish before 5pm. (It is not a knockout tournament, so children will participate throughout the day playing a minimum of 4 rounds.) Light refreshments (tea, coffee, juice, snacks) may be on sale, but please feel free to bring your own.
- **ENTRY FEE: £10 per player. Entry fee includes for problem solving contest– Pay on day but register in advance** (by email Feb 8, 2017). Schools can send as many entries as possible (£100/- for 20 entries) and Children from Low income Families may have discounted Entry fees.
- **CLOSING DATE: Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2017**
- **CONTACT:** Email all entries to Mrs. J Needham ([j.needham@dameallans.co.uk](mailto:j.needham@dameallans.co.uk)) and (copy to) Malola Prasath, Email: [malolaprasath@gmail.com](mailto:malolaprasath@gmail.com) (Tel. 07446364665).  
**Note: Photos may be taken during the event for General Promotions.**