

Dorset Junior Chess 2011 Championship

The 2011 junior chess championship was held at St Michaels Primary School, Bournemouth, on Sunday 4th December 2011.

The total number of players was 39 (including 30 from North Dorset schools). The players were divided into year 2 to 4 (20 players) year 5 & 6 (12 players) and year 7 and above (7).

Year 2 to 4 was controlled by Chris Bellers with able assistance from Chris Line, a teacher at Abbey School. The detailed results are attached but the winner of under 7 was Jasper Lyne of Abbey with 5/7 which was an excellent score as year 2 playing against year 3 & 4. The winner of under 9 was Megan Tubbs of Abbey from year 3 with another excellent performance of 6/7 again against some older players. Aron Walter of Abbey also year 3 did very well with 5.5/7. Megan also won the trophy for best performance by a girl.

The year 5 & 6 year group was controlled by Eric Sachs. This group was very close with 4 players all ending up with 5 points. The tie break for winning under 12 was won by Leon Sams of Abbey. Also on 5 was Jenson Weeks (Moordown St Johns), Alex Wharf (St Andrews) and Harry Shaw (St Michaels).

The higher age group was controlled by myself and was year 7 and above. The Dorset junior championship and under 16 was won again by Jamie Macdonald year 8 of Gillingham School. He won with an excellent score of 7/7. The runner up was Grigori Lvov of Bournemouth School Boys with 5/7. Winner of under 14 was Max Staveley with 4/7. All the trophies will be engraved and then presented to winners again, hopefully at a school assembly.

Medals were given out to each year group resulting in 24 medals being presented. Many thanks must go to Bob Kennedy headmaster of St Michaels Primary for allowing us to use the school premises for this tournament. I would also like to thank Chris Ambrose for assisting on the day and Chris Line from Abbey School who provided 20 players without whom the championship would not have been so successful. The only disappointment was that there were only 7 players from schools in Bournemouth.

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