

TORMEAD ADVANCED CHESS CLUB

September 2018

Tormead advanced chess club members will be taught with the interactive whiteboard using a variety of chess applications, programs and online websites, videos of annotated games, planning, tactical, positional and mating theory, Masters' thinking, puzzles, etc.

We regularly have school team matches for anybody who would like to join in. From friendly practices matches against local schools to competing in the Guildford and District league, IAPS Nationals, South East England Championships and UK & Ireland Championships to name a few.

For several years Tormead has produced strong chess players who have won Tormead many titles including: IAPS National Girls Team Champions, Guildford Chess League winners and County Teams members (the Surrey Team is called 'Wey Valley' and competes in the EPSCA (English Primary Schools Chess Association) National Team Championships).

Many of our top players have moved into the Senior School chess club to make way for our other players to continue or join the advanced club and support our aim to continue our success. Therefore, we are looking for a new champion to take the title 'Tormead Advanced Chess Champion.'

Advanced classes will continue to be held over two days; Thursday lunch time from 12.25pm - 12.55pm (years 3-5) or at the later time of 12.55 - 1.20 (year 6) and Friday from 10.30am to 10.50am. Lessons resume Thursday 13 and Friday 14 September. This works brilliantly for the girls as we are able to have a session concentrating solely on learning specially for years 3 – 5 and one exclusively for year 6 plus another session for all years just for matches.

We will start a new club tournament in the autumn term. The winner will receive a trophy, runners up, down to fourth place, will receive a gold, silver or bronze medal and the best in each year group will also be awarded. The tournament is played once a week in the club.

In the spring term, all members will take part in the 'Delancey UK Schools Chess Challenge' which is the largest tournament in the world. You will find more information about this on their website:

<https://www.delanceyukschoolschesschallenge.com/>

This year, which started in the spring term 2018, is still in progress, now at the final, fourth stage and we have Tormead girls competing for the final titles at the 'Terafinal' and 'Southern Challengers'. The first stage is played in the school club, the second stage, the 'Megafinal' is played all around the UK including at Tormead School, the third stage the 'Gigafinal' had three events this year (North, Midlands & South) but this may change next year and the final stage, the 'Terafinal' is played in the North and the 'Southern Challengers' will be played at Tormead.

Tormead School is also the venue for the 'West Surrey Championships' where players can gain an ECF (English Chess Federation) grade.

Please note: Half term's notice of discontinuance required, in writing (an email is perfectly acceptable) or half term's fees charged.

Yours faithfully

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