

## **Report by Peter Cloudsdale on 2018-9 Junior Chess in York & Yorkshire.**

- 1 Last October, White Rose Junior Chess Academy organised a chess day at Holmfirth. Competitions were held, and training by Lateefah Messam-Sparks.
- 2 At Ackworth School, Yorkshire played in the Pennine Cup. Northumberland retained the trophy.
- 3 Weekly junior chess club sessions have been held at the York Railway Institute, run by Noel Stewart and Adam Ismail.
- 4 Yorkshire Junior League was organised by Andrew Zigmond and won by Alwoodley with York second.
- 5 On 6th March York organised a Simultaneous Display by Richard Palliser, International Master; 27 took part with 1 draw.
- 6 White Rose Junior Chess Academy held 3 girls under-11 training days, leading and in March to a team competing in EPSCA event at Solihull.
- 7 The Delancey Chess Competition has taken place, with a Megafinal on 25th May at Bootham Senior School York; 130 took part with 25 girls.
8. Another Megafinal was held on 18th May in Sheffield.
9. Yorkshire Junior Chess Association held its usual Grand Prix events. (Separate report usual.)

### **White Rose Junior Chess Academy**

Plans for next season:

- a) Chess Day on 28th September in York
- b) Girls' Chess Day on 12th October in Wakefield with WGM Sheila Jackson
- c) Another Chess Day in 2020
- d) Support other events and use Robinson Fund to help us run good events

ECF have cancelled its accredited coaches scheme for junior chess. Discussions are taking place to bring forward important changes. Yorkshire suffers due to large size of county and lack of committed volunteers. It is interesting that certain clubs have no juniors. A good idea suggested by Ihor Lewyk is for clubs to work closely with a particular school. York may well move next March to Bootham Senior School, due to big changes at the Railway Institute.

Thanks to the few who have supported us well in a good season.

Peter Cloudsdale, York, 1st June 2019.