



Bearsden Chess Club



Arrangements for Junior Chess next season (Sept 2019 – April 2020)

Dear Parent or Guardian

I am writing to you to explain the arrangements we are making for the “under-12” Junior chess players next season

Bearsden Chess Club opens for its 54th season at: Cairns Church Halls at 11 Buchanan Street, Milngavie, G62 8AW, on Tuesday, 17th September 2019 at 7:45 pm and subsequent Tuesdays up to end-April 2020

The Bearsden <12 Juniors will meet from 6:30 -7:30 at the same premises.

The first Junior session will be on 24th Sept 2019

As the Bearsden Chess Club aims to promote and support Chess at Senior and Junior level we have arranged to continue a separate Junior section of the Bearsden club, again meeting prior to the “Senior” Club. That section will be supervised by a rota of established adult Club members who have volunteered. Their names, phone numbers and rota will be published to you and it is planned to have a minimum of two such members at each session.

Any parents are welcome and indeed encouraged to also stay and help if they wish.

The normal age limit for this activity is 9 but keen youngsters under that age are also welcome.

The Junior section will close at 7:30 when parents are expected to collect their children but those of Secondary age are welcome to stay on to the Senior Club if their parents agree, at no extra cost.

The annual Junior (under 12) subscription is £20.00

Whilst we want the children to enjoy being here, any disruptive behaviour will obviously not be acceptable. The Junior players will be eligible to play in the existing Bearsden teams during the season and we aim to place them in the Dumbarton and Glasgow second teams. This will need parental involvement for any “away” matches.

We have now introduced another (sixth) team partly to give Juniors more chances of competition.

Ideally, parents should get to know and trust those who will be involved with the juniors by coming along to the club sessions.

However, it may help to alleviate concerns to know that 3 of the volunteers already have “Enhanced Disclosure” status through Chess Scotland and a further 3 have the same status through their employment.

The first Junior session will be on 24th Sept 2019 at 6:30pm. Please bring your children along and support us.

Best Wishes,

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