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Dear parent / carer,

Ivan Gromov Schools' Chess League 2022-23

Our chess players have been invited to take part in an online tournament, which is being organised by Eton College. Matches for this tournament will take place on Thursday evenings at 7.30pm, and the first match is on Thursday 29th September. Your child has expressed an interest in representing the school in this competition.

Matches then take place on the following dates:

Winter term 2022

29 Sep

13 Oct

HALF TERM

27 Oct

10 Nov

24 Nov

Spring term 2023

12 Jan

26 Jan

9 Feb

HALF TERM

23 Feb

9 Mar

23 Mar

The competition will run on a free online chess website called 'Lichess'. I will provide details of how to sign up if your child does not already have an account. On the day of a match, they will be automatically matched up with a player from an opposing school. During these matches, they will only be able to play against this one player, and there will be no chat functionality enabled. Please do be aware that at other times, Lichess lets users play random matches online and make friends with other users who may not be known to your child and or the school. There is an option for parents and carers to enable 'kid mode' which turns off the chat function, which you can find in 'preferences' once your child has set up an account.

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This will be a very exciting opportunity for our players to gain experience against a high standard of opponent. Please can you confirm via email rchadwick@urmstongrammar.org.uk whether you are happy for your child to participate.

Many thanks,

Mrs R Chadwick Teacher of MFL Chess Club Co-ordinator