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13th September 2023

Dear parent / carer,

Ivan Gromov Schools' Chess League 2023-24

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 14th September. Your child has expressed an interest in representing the school in this competition.

Matches then take place on the following dates:

Autumn term 2023

14 Sep

28 Sep

12 Oct

HALF TERM

9 Nov

23 Nov

Spring term 2024

11 Jan

25 Jan

8 Feb

HALF TERM

22 Feb

7 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. I appreciate that as the first match is tomorrow, this is very short notice, but it would be great if we could field a team for the first fixture.

Many thanks,

Mrs R Chadwick
Teacher of MFL
Chess Club Co-ordinator