

AYRSHIRE JUNIOR CHESS TOUR

Thursday 11th December 2025, Venue – Greenwood Academy, Dreghorn, Irvine KA11 4HL

This is the fourth of this season's junior events to be held over the coming months

There were four sections held with a mix of schools and abilities and all players had four games in the evening. Medals were awarded for any player reaching two and a half points

Section 1 (10 players)	Section 3 (11 players)
Tyler Miller, Greenwood MEDAL	Marcello Marchetti, Greenwood MEDAL
Lewis Williams, Greenwood MEDAL	Jude Cotter, Troon MEDAL
Jacob McCabe, Greenwood MEDAL	Murray Williams, Greenwood MEDAL
Ethan Moan, St Andrews MEDAL	Noah Houston, Lawthorn MEDAL
Olexiy Bogachov. Greenwood	Jamie Murdoch, Abbey
Charlie Meldrum, Whitehirst Park	Edward Officer, St Andrews
Joel Wright, Hutcheson	Ahmed Gamaleldin, St Andrews
Fedir Mantuliak, Auchenhavie	Arya Kerr, Springside
Paul Sands, St Matthews	Charlie McAllister, Castlepark
Hafsa Gamaleldin, St Josephs	Caleb Hamilton, Sykesmains
	Ibraheem bin Iftikhar, Glencairn

Section 2 (12 players)	Section 4 (14 players)
Ben Thomson, Kingcase MEDAL	Liam Scott, Greenwood MEDAL
Kerr Graham, Springside, MEDAL	Finn Penny, Stewarton Academy MEDAL
Charlie Thomson, St Matthews, MEDAL	Eoin Diamond, St Matthews MEDAL
Andrew Baird, Lainshaw MEDAL	Austin McAulay, Alloway MEDAL
Emily Nelson, Dundonald	Jimmy Hawthorn, Loudon Montgomery MEDAL
Angus Shepherd, Barassie	Edward Flores Stanesco, Ardeer
Rose Lawrie, Nether Robertland	Hartaaj Singh Basi, St Patricks
Aaron Collins, Troon	Henry Hamilton, Kilmaurs
Jim McCulloch, Fenwick	Viktor Bresch, Abbey
Kayden Healey, Kimaurs	Miley McAllister, Castlepark
Koda Douglas, Dykesmains	Adam bin Ifilkhar, Glencairn
Georgia Lyon, Dreghorn	Abigail Mobbs, Beith
	Andrew Corrigan, Auchenharvie
	Joseph Andrews, Whitehirst Park

A total of forty seven players from across Ayrshire played in the event with seventeen receiving medals for gaining two and a half points or higher out of maximum of four

There were also seven players who entered but did not show up on the night

Numbers were low due to various school events for holidays etc

- Thanks to Mr Taylor of Greenwood Chess Club for hosting and organising the event
- And thanks also to John Montgomery of Stewarton, Russell McAllister of Greenwood, Alan Steel of Stewarton for running the sections .
- Thanks also to Greenwood players who set up and then cleared and up after matches
- Thanks to all the parents and teachers who brought the players and kept the waiting rooms quite clear of rubbish etc

Please note that it takes over twenty hours of organising to receive and acknowledge entries, and then write up pairing cards and create wall charts and that players who fail to turn up on the night cause problems in getting the event started. Please be mindful of all that work and help cut down on the no-shows – there were around a dozen players who entered but did not show up on the night. There were also a few players who turned up without entering by email – these may be refused at future events. The deadline for entries is there for a good reason and helps reduce the workload.

It also helps if entries include the players full name, age, school or club and their level of ability

Next event will be the Ayrshire Chess Tour event on Thursday 22nd January 2026 at Greenwood Academy again.

Entry forms and details will be sent out shortly and are also available on the Ayrshire Chess Association website www.ayrshirechess.co.uk