AYRSHIRE JUNIOR CHESS TOUR

Thursday 12th February 2026, Venue – Greenwood Academy, Dreghorn, Irvine KA11 4HL

This is the sixth 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 at least four games in the evening. Medals were awarded for any player reaching two and a half points

Section A (14 players)	Section F (22 players)
Tyler Millar, Greenwood MEDAL	Harry Brown, Greenwood MEDAL
Alistair Purss, Troon MEDAL	Calvin Roberts, Whitehirst Park MEDAL
Lleyton Hyndman, Greenwood MEDAL	Harris MacDonald, St Andrews MEDAL
Jacob McCabe, Greenwood MEDAL	Finlay Tait, Breahead MEDAL
Olexiy Bogachjov, Greenwood MEDAL	Bradley Clugston, Loudoun Academy MEDAL
Viktor Bresch, Abbey	Pranav Pushpadass Radh St Ninians MEDAL
Shreyansh Nanduru, Heathfield	Aqib Mohammed, St Matthews MEDAL
Finlay Dunn, Glebe	Miles Greer, Alloway MEDAL
Ben Thomson, Kingcase	Henry Hamilton, Kilmaurs MEDAL
Andrew Purss, Marr	Jacob Sneddon, Lawthorn
Luke Nelson, Glebe	Abigail Mobbs, Beith
Austin McAulay, Alloway	Hanoch Vinod Thomas, St Marks
Gregor McNish, Marr	Sam Allerdice St Marks
Ethan Moan, St Andrews	Calene Bell, Glebe
	Hannah Harlan Vinod, St Marks
	Angus Shepherd, Barassie
	Robert McMillan, Springside
	Joseph Andrews, Whitehirst
	Arya Kerr, Springside
	Kyle O'Hara Frew, Braehead
	David John Hamilton, Braehead
	William McKinnon, Braehead

Section S (17 players)	Section P (14 players)
Kira Ferguson, Glebe MEDAL	Yashwant saai Karthikeyan, St Ninians MEDAL
Kerr Graham, Springside MEDAL	Liam Scott, Greenwood MEDAL
Struan Andrews, Whitehirst Park MEDAL	Finn Penny, Stewarton MEDAL
Aaron Collins, Troon MEDAL	Noah Houston, Lawthorn MEDAL
Ethan Curran, St Marks MEDAL	Eoin Diamond, St Matthews MEDAL
Anas Mohammed St Marks MEDAL	Iroslav Yarik Pilpchuk, Abbey
Caleb Hamilton, Dykesmains MEDAL	Marcello Marchetti, Greenwood
Jake Fleming, Alloway	Liyan Nishchith, Struthers
Koda Douglas, Dykesmains	Andrew Corrigan, Auchenharvie
Hope Wilson, Braehead	Andrew Baird, Lainshaw
Nathan McBride, Loudon Montgomery	Paul Sands, St Matthews
Aiden Wheeldon, Braehead	Jimmy Hawthorn, Loudon Montgomery
Dexter Farrell, Dundonald	Edward Officer, St Andrews
Preston Parker, Lainshaw	Jude Cotter, Troon
Imogen Ireland, Braehead	
Kristine Kimani, Braehead	
Sophie Grace Clark, Lawthorn	

A total of sixty seven players from across Ayrshire played in the event with twenty six players winning medals for gaining two and a half points or higher out of maximum of four. Also there were eight players who entered but did not show up on the night although two players sent an apology

- 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 and Cameron Smith of Troon 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 few 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 19th March 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