

AYRSHIRE JUNIOR CHESS TOUR

Thursday 17th September 2026, Venue – Greenwood Academy, Dreghorn, Irvine KA11 4HL

This is the first 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

Room S06 (18 players)	Room S07 (14 players)
James Scobie, Shortlees MEDAL	Simon Driver, Marr MEDAL
Harry Brown, Greenwood MEDAL	Caleb Hamilton, Dykesmains MEDAL
James Hynds, Gargieston MEDAL	Kai Williamson, Greenwood MEDAL
Henry Hamilton, Kilmaurs MEDAL	Kira Ferguson, Glebe MEDAL
George Penrice, Kilmaurs MEDAL	Liam Scott, Greenwood MEDAL
Noah Houston, Greenwood MEDAL	Zora Bawa, Wellington MEDAL
Liyan Nishchith, Struthers MEDAL	Aaron Collins, Troon
Callum Whiteside Shortlees	Viktor Bresch, Abbey
Calene Bell, Glebe	Koda Douglas, Dykesmains
Oliver Barbour, Wellington	Lilly Thomson, St Marks
Harper Breen, Greenwood	Zac Elton, Wellington
Innes Andrews, St Marys	Kayla Knapp Dundonald
Dexter Farrell, Dundonald	Jaden Lin, Wellington
Ayden Kelly, Troon	Cruz Saxton, Castlepark
Anthony Blautenberg, St Winnings	
Dominic McQueen, St Marys	
Harley Hamilton, Castlepark	
Maddy McSeveney, Welington	

Room S08 (16 players)	Room S09 (16 players)
Marcello Marchetti, Greenwood MEDAL	Olexiy Bogachov, Greenwood MEDAL
Pranav Pushpadas Radha, St Ninians MEDAL	Shreyansh Nanduru, Heathfield MEDAL
Ethan Curran, St Marks MEDAL	Kerr Graham, Greenwood MEDAL
Lucy McGuigan, Annbank MEDAL	Murray Williams, Greenwood MEDAL
Sacha Alexander Matytsine, Wellington MEDAL	Ethan McSkimming, Auchenhavie MEDAL
Paul Sands, St Matthews MEDAL	Charlie Thomson, St Matthews
Joel Wright Notre Dame MEDAL	Andrew McDougall, Wellington
Daisy Finnie, Castlepark	Cole Nelson, Kilmaurs
Andrew Corrigan, Auchenhavie	Zac McIntyre, Dundonald
Paarth Batta, Struthers	Emily Nelson, Marr
Leo James Dunsmuir Castlepark	Eoin Diamond, St Matthews
Jacob Boyd, Dreghorn	Yarik Pilipchuk, Kilwinning
Aldrei Pagaran, St Ninians	Marcus Dunn, St Ninians
Robert McMillan, Grange	Brodie Ramsay, Wellington
Azat Akkoyun Kilmaurs	James Dale, Abbey
Callum Fraser, Dundonald	Elora Oleru, Castlepark

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

- Thanks to Mr Taylor of Greenwood Chess Club for hosting and organising the event
- And thanks also to Alan Steel and John Montgomery of Stewarton and Cameron Smith of Troon for running the sections .
- Thanks also to Tadgh Dunn of Greenwood for controlling one of the sections.
- 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 ten 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 29th October 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