

## ChessMates Chess Club

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## SPRING 2023 at HHJS

You are warmly invited to join the Hampton Hill Junior School chess club for the Spring 2023 term.



“Every Chess Master was once a beginner.” **Chernev**

Whether you can already play well, or whether you are a complete beginner, we would love to welcome you to our chess club. Come and make chess friends and develop your skills in chess strategy and tactics.

This Spring 2023 term, all our HHJS chess clubs will take part in the UK Chess Challenge. This first took place in 1996 and has since grown into one of the largest junior chess tournaments in the world. It welcomes everyone from beginners to national champions and schools throughout the United Kingdom take part. There is nothing quite like this in the world of chess. Players win prizes and have fun with their friends during the first round which is held in our school club time, and strong players can then choose to go through to the area ‘Megafinal’ in the summer. Over 1 million children have taken part since 1996! We’ve signed up to take part during the Spring 2023 term.



### CHESS CLUB TAKES PLACE AT LUNCHTIME in HHJS:

The chess clubs will run during lunchtimes Monday through to Friday. The day allocated will be advised to you at the start of term, and depends on what’s most appropriate for the school diary for your child. We will aim to avoid clashes, so do let us know if there are any other lunchtime commitments. Friendships are very important in chess club, so let us know who special friends are and any wishes or needs to take into consideration. Chess club at HHJS gives an opportunity to make chess friends across all year groups and each lunchtime session is a mix of ages and abilities. The groups are jumbled every term to give fresh opposition to the children and a new dynamic to each group and this also helps newcomers feel less new. Chess club is termly and no places are carried forward. Each term everyone applies again if they are keen to continue.

### COST and HOW TO APPLY

The cost for the Spring 2023 club term, is £100.

Applications are now open;

Please log on to [www.chessmates.club](http://www.chessmates.club) and apply. Or, email Verity at [chessmateschessclub@gmail.com](mailto:chessmateschessclub@gmail.com)

Please consider taking part in one of our fun chess clubs. We will be so pleased to include you and make you feel welcome. Your support with chess in Hampton Hill is really appreciated. Thank you!

Chess Clubs will commence in the week starting 9 January 2023 and we hope to see you then!

*Verity*

“Critical thinking is the most important factor with chess. As it is in life, you need to think before you make decisions.” – **Hikaru Nakamura**