Dear Essex Juniors

On 5th April I arranged a blitz tournament on behalf of Brentwood School for students mainly from Brentwood and KEGS at <www.lichess.org>.

The tournament was one hour long with rolling pairing arranged by the computer (Nigel managed 9 games!). It was unrated and purely for fun.

Inspired by this I have created two tournaments for the weekend of 18th and 19th April.

I have arranged a **Brentwood Invitational Blitz Part Two** for **Sunday 19th April 10am-11am**. There is no cost. Everyone is in one section and if you would like to enter simply.

* Ask a parent for permission to create an account on lichess. It is entirely free.
* Play the odd game to get used to the layout
* Enter via the link below. Also under the link is an explanation of how the tournament will run. The password for entry is Brentwood.
* <https://lichess.org/tournament/D4JtvLwC>
* On the day click on the link to access the tournament. So save the link.
* You can click on the link to just watch the games live.

[www.lichess.org](http://www.lichess.org) is where I play myself. It has a clear layout and some good learning material under Learn and Practice on the pc. You can also try many chess variants.

Also under Learn are any “classes” you belong to. I host ones for members of Chelmsford Junior Chess Club, Brentwood School and KEGS. They make it easy for players to find who is online at any given time and it allows me to message or send chess material to everyone within the class.

You are welcome to join CJCC at lichess (<http://chelmsfordjuniorchessclub.blogspot.com>). All I ask is a £5 donation to support the club. Just send me your lichess username and I will arrange it and send payment details.

Please note lichess has a chat facility which you can disable by picking Kid Mode after Preferences within your profile. During the tournament it is automatically disabled although there is an open chat room for the players to post comments during the event (generally queries like “Who is ElephantRat?”).

I have also organised a **CJCC Introductory Blitz**. This will take place on **Saturday 18th April 10am-11am**.

This is also a free event but only open to CJCC members and students at the schools I coach at (Brentwood, KEGS, CCHS, St Cedd’s, Elm Green and Moulsham Juniors). It is also limited to ungraded players or those graded below 60.

The format is similar to the Brentwood Blitz. It is meant to be a fun and gentle introduction to online tournament chess. Many players will be in their first individual chess tournament.

Entry via the link below. Password CJCC. All else as detailed above under the Brentwood Blitz.

<https://lichess.org/tournament/kihzUqrZ>

Please pass the details of these events to any juniors you feel would be interested and ask me if you have any questions.

Good Luck!

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