

Why try Chess?

Chess is a unique intellectual challenge, in which pupils develop strategy, planning and discipline. These key skills can be applied across a range of areas and help pupils develop to their full potential.



Who can do it?

Chess is available to all pupils as both a Games option and within the Millfield Activity Programme (MAP). These sessions are organised by our resident Grandmaster, Matthew Turner, and pupils have access to the very best coaching. Specialist individual programmes are developed for high performers.

Highlights from 2017-18

- Millfield players make up half of the England European U18 Team
- Five players gain international honours
- Millfield wins Somerset First Division for the first time ever

Looking forward to 2018-19

- Record number of players selected for international events
- A new development team in Somerset League
- Developing Somerset junior chess and hosting the final of the Somerset Grand Prix

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High performance

High performers have personalised programmes of study including individual lessons with our resident Grandmaster. They receive support at events and use the latest technology to evaluate and develop their game.



OM Cosima Keen represented England at the European Championships in Georgia and in major tournaments in Denmark and Croatia. An individual programme of study at Millfield allowed Cosima to combine chess with a full academic programme, studying two instruments, riding and captaining Millfield at skiing.

Success stories and future stars

Hugo Fowler set his target for this year as becoming the highest rated Welsh U18 player. He achieved this, in addition to the Welsh U16 Championships. He'll take on England, Scotland, Ireland, Holland and France in the summer. What is the target for 2019? Breaking into the adult team?



Our Captain for 2018-19, Dan Varney, has been selected for the European Schools Championships. He embraced the Millfield community spirit by organising a sleepout for homelessness, which raised over £800. He is hoping to continue his studies in the USA.