

Chess

It has been the busiest weekend of the year in terms of chess with plenty of action on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

St Faith's vs Old Fidelians

Friday afternoon saw the annual St Faith's versus Old Fidelians chess fixture with the former pupils winning 4-2. Thank you to our current Year 8s for hanging around after school for this, and thanks to the former pupils for making the journey back to show off how incredibly tall they've become! How many of these faces do you recognise?



CCC League

Saturday saw the CCC league reach its climax and the St Faith's team didn't know whether to laugh or cry. Starting the day in joint 3rd with champions King's Cambridge, two points adrift of the Girls' Chess Initiative and four behind Steiner School, our target was just to squeeze onto the podium; we would have taken bronze medals if they were offered to us before the start of play. However, after three of the four matches in this extended event, there were just 1.5 points separating the top 3 and a medal was guaranteed. In the end it came down to the final move of a piece, and we finished second (for the second year running) just half a point behind the Steiner School. We felt gutted that we missed out so narrowly on finishing as champions and bagging the elusive CCC trophy. Next year then! Full results can be found [here](#). Here is a picture of our proud team, doing well to mask their disappointment.



West Anglia Megafinal

On Sunday, St Faith's hosted over 200 families from several counties to contest the West Anglia Megafinal. Many St Faith's children had qualified through the Delancey tournament that we run during the Lent Term. Well done to Saachi Kang, Qiao Wan, Parker Thomas, Ryan Stubbs, Amer Amen, Rayyan Ali, Rocco Ferguson, Dom O'Loughlin and Flora McCaig for qualifying and taking part. Further well done to Qiao, Ryan, Amer, Rayyan and Dom for securing the required number of points to qualify for the Gigafinal in the summer. Particular congratulations to Dom O'Loughlin for winning his age category and getting a trophy. Here is a picture from Sunday of lots of children playing chess in the Ashburton Hall.

