

Cambridgeshire Chess Championship

Determined not to let COVID-19 ruin the chess season, the CCC league started on Saturday as scheduled, with matches played entirely on the website lichess.org.

Although it lacks the sociability of over-the-board chess, there are many advantages of the online format: no need to travel, the pieces are setup automatically, the pairings are done by the computer, children can't make illegal moves, and every move of every game is recorded.

There were a greatly-reduced number of teams participating (down from 30 to 14!) due to many schools not being able to run a club, meaning every team will play every other team this season. We also have more instances of schools combining to get together enough players to make a full team. However, proceedings ran smoothly, and children were able to play many more games of chess within the same timeframe.

Here are the standings after the opening three rounds. Our A-team had to play the two top teams so at least have their toughest matches out of the way early on.

Position	School	Played	Points
1	Cambourne A	3	15
2	King's Cambridge A	3	14.5
3	King's Cambridge C	3	13.5
4	St Faith's B	3	10.5
=	Haslingfield/Harston & Newton	3	10.5
6	St Faith's A	3	10
7	King's Cambridge B	3	9.5
8	St Faith's C	3	9
9	Cambourne B	3	7.5
10	St Faith's D	3	7
11	Sancton Wood/Oak International	3	6.5
12	Queen Emma/The Spinney/St Paul's A	3	4.5
13	Queen Emma/The Spinney/St Paul's B	3	4
14	King's Cambridge D	3	3

All results can be seen on our website www.cambridgechess.co.uk