

## Chess News

On Sunday, St Faith's competed in a triangular chess battle against King's Cambridge and The Dragon School, Oxford. The other two schools play an annual fixture and we had the honour of being invited to join them this year.

A total of 82 players competed in the hour-long online battle on the free, child-friendly site lichess.org, in which the computer automatically pairs players against opponents from another school every time their game finishes. All pupils from our A to D teams were invited to compete.

It was an exciting roller-coaster battle with the schools constantly swapping places on the leader board. The great news is that we (narrowly!) emerged as winners despite being up against the four-time winners of the CCC, and a school twice our size! Here are the final scores:

1 <sup>st</sup>	St Faith's	160 points
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Dragon School	155 points
3 <sup>rd</sup>	King's Cambridge	152 points

The beauty of online chess is that we are now able to beat schools from further afield than Cambridgeshire. Despite this, I think we are all hopeful for a return to over-the-board chess next season.

Congratulations to our winning team, who represent every year group from 3-8: Ryan S, Henry K, James B, Matthew Y, Algie C, Zack W, Benjamin B-J, George C, Jason F, Chenning L, Ada O, William P, Jenny D, Mikhail L-S, Ryan W, Qiao W, Neal T, Arjun N-K, Saisha M, Ariarna O, Thomas S, Ryan T.