



**Essex  
Megafinal  
2024**

A Gigafinal Qualifying Event

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Sunday 19th May

**Colchester County High School for Girls, CO3 3US**

An official UK Chess Challenge qualifying Event for the Gigafinals

UK CHESS CHALLENGE  
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### Time control

Six rounds of rapid games with 15 minutes for each player and 10 seconds increment for each move.

### Eligibility

Open to all juniors born after 31-Aug-2005.

There are five main age sections: U8, U10, U12, U14 and U18. Ages are calculated as of 31-Aug-2023. Please visit the page below for detailed "Age Categories" calculations.

<https://bit.ly/UKCC-2024>

### Prizes and Qualification for Gigafinals

The top boy and top girl in each section will receive trophies with medals for second and third-placed boys and girls. These players will qualify for the Gigafinals. Please note that ties for third place will all qualify, but tiebreak rules will be used to determine trophies and medals. All players scoring a minimum of 3.5 points will qualify for the Gigafinal.

The top 3 U7s, U9s and U11s will also qualify automatically (boy and girl) – assuming they haven't done so already using the criteria above.

### Registration

Please register on the UKCC website using the link below or Scan this QR code:

<https://bit.ly/Essex-MF-2024>



### Schedule

Arrival	09:30	Lunch break	13:30
Playing hall meeting	09:45	<b>Round-4</b>	<b>14:00</b>
<b>Round-1</b>	<b>10:00</b>	<b>Round-5</b>	<b>15:00</b>
<b>Round-2</b>	<b>11:30</b>	<b>Round-6</b>	<b>16:00</b>
<b>Round-3</b>	<b>12:30</b>	Prize giving	17:15

### Venue

The games will take place in the main Hall and Gymnasium. There will be sufficient waiting spaces in the Dining Area and Extension. Children will have access to the playing fields as well.

Colchester Country High School has wonderful facilities for both players and accompanied persons. We hope you will have great experience.

### Travel

#### 1. Car

The school has a large carpark (on both side of Norman Way) which is free for the guests. If it overflows, parking on the nearby streets are also free to park on Sunday.

#### 2. Bus Travel

Essex has wonderful bus service network. Details are available on <https://www.travelsessex.co.uk/>

#### 3. Train

The Colchester Town station is about 1.5 miles from the venue. A short bus travel will be necessary from the Colchester North station. Please check <https://www.greateranglia.co.uk/> for up to date service status.

### Refreshments

Though the school is not far from Colchester Town Center where all popular food chains are available, we advise to bring packed lunches. We hope to arrange a self-serving point for free tea/coffee. Final arrangements will be notified by email to the participants prior to the event.

### Notes

Photographs will be taken throughout the day which may be published on chess websites or in chess-related articles. If you do not wish your child to be photographed, inform the organisers in the "Requirements" box of the registration form.

Please note that the organisers take no responsibility for looking after the children outside the playing hall. The organisers also cannot take responsibility for any theft or accident during the event.

We are very grateful that Colchester County High School for Girls is helping us to organise the event. We request all players and accompanying guests to be respectful to the facilities.

The organiser reserves the right to change the above on the day if required.