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Dear Parent,

Since its opening in 1981, it has become a tradition of this school to be associated with Cheddleton and Leek Chess Club. The club is one of the strongest in the United Kingdom. Its top team finished in third place in the National Premier League last season and has been in the top four places for the last nine seasons, having also taken part in the European Clubs Cup on two occasions. The club also runs many other teams – ten operating last year.

The club prides itself particularly on its success with its junior players, several of whom have become junior internationals over the years. In fact, the club was founded in 1973 to continue to keep together a primary school team from the previous year.

The club would like to continue the long and successful association with St. Edward's Academy and with other schools in North Staffordshire which it has maintained over the last forty-six years of existence.

Junior members are invited to join the club if they have shown sufficient promise in playing ability and attitude. Some coaching is provided for the juniors and organised matches take place at regular intervals. These matches are graded and the results are submitted to the national chess grading list.

During the summer months when matches are not being played a series of ten minute tournaments are held at the club. These are very popular with beginners and weaker players as the speed of play makes it a great leveler where anybody can beat anybody – consequently, it is not always as popular with the strongest players!

The club meets on a Friday evening at 7.30 p.m. at St Andrew's Methodist Church, Ostler's Lane, Cheddleton, ST13 7HS.

I would like to take this opportunity to invite your son/daughter to become a member of the club. If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact either myself, another officer of the club or Mrs Salmon. Any parents who would like to attend will be made very welcome as we are only too pleased to have more adults available to support our club and its youngest members.

Regards

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Chairman of Cheddleton and Leek Chess Club

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