

On Sunday 25th June I attended a chess tournament at the R.A. Butler Academy in Saffron Walden. First, I was told that we had to play in order to at least try to win something! I walked into the playing hall nervous but determined to do my best.

I sat down at my seat on Board 3, playing Annie Quao. I was playing well and so was she but in the end I won. I was relieved but I did not want to be overconfident. Then I sat down on Board 1 playing Charlotte Willoughby which I was especially nervous of because she always beats me. I started playing and suddenly saw an amazing move. I checked my strategy before I moved it but I found no dangers. After I made the move, she recognised it but I eventually won.

Then I went on to play another boy called Lixuon Ju. He is very good. I played for a long time! After 20 minutes I finally won. My next opponent was Max Yau. He plays for the under 14's Essex team. That is a big achievement for his 7-year-old mind. I played him and it was very hard but eventually the game ended a win for me. That was very, very lucky. 5 minutes later, it was round 5. I was playing Kabir Zairiu. He had also won all his games so far. He was also extremely good. He was exceptional, then suddenly I made an amazing move and I won. CHECKMATE!

Finally, it was the last match and I was playing Louis Thomas. I tried my hardest and in the end, he resigned. He played so well until I promoted and that was when he decided to resign. I played 6 games and I won them all.

At the prize giving ceremony, the Essex Junior Organiser presented me with a trophy, medal and certificate for my achievement. I really enjoyed the whole tournament and cannot wait for the next one.