



SAINT NORBERT'S CATHOLIC VOLUNTARY ACADEMY

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Mission Statement: To live, love and learn in the footprints of Jesus.

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Chess Club

Dear Families,

I am delighted to inform you that, starting in January 2026, we will be offering an after-school Chess Club to pupils of any age from Year 1 to Year 6. The club will run for five weeks initially, taking place on Tuesdays from 3-4pm and will be led by an experienced chess tutor – Miss Hutchinson.

This will be a wonderful opportunity for children to learn new skills, develop strategic thinking and enjoy friendly competition in a supportive environment. Whether your child is completely new to chess or already knows how to play, they will be warmly welcomed.

Each session will cost £3.50, which covers the materials and tuition provided by our visiting chess tutor. Unfortunately, we are unable to subsidise this club, so we must therefore ask interested parents to cover the full cost of £17.50 upfront to secure their child's place.

Please use your Arbor App to sign your child up for the club and to make the payment. We cannot offer any refunds should your child not attend any of the sessions for any reason. Places will be taken on a first-come first-served basis with sign-up open from today until 8.30am on Monday 3rd November.

While we always strive to keep activities affordable and inclusive, some clubs and experiences carry costs that the school simply cannot cover or subsidise within our limited budget. We are, however, committed to being sensitive to family circumstances and will continue to offer a wide range of free or low-cost activities throughout the year so that every child can take part in the life of our school community. As with any school activity, I would encourage you to speak to me – in confidence – if your child would really like to take part but cannot due to cost.

We hope this new club will inspire our pupils to think creatively, play fairly and have fun while learning the timeless game of chess.

Yours sincerely,

A Dawson