



**Essex  
Megafinal  
2025**

A Gigafinal Qualifying Event

**EJCA Grand Prix Round-4**

**ESSEX JUNIOR CHESS**

**UK CHESS CHALLENGE**  
Proudly sponsored by Delancey

Sunday 27th April  
Colchester County High School for Girls, CO3 3US

An official UK Chess Challenge qualifying Event for the Gigafinals

### Time control

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

### Eligibility

Open to all juniors born after 31-Aug-2006. There are five main age sections: U8, U10, U12, U14 and U18.

A player must play in their age category. Ages are calculated as of 31-Aug-2024. For example, on this date if a player is younger than 8 years, they will play in the Under-8 section (U8).

### Prizes, Qualification for Gigafinals and EJCA Grand Prix

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. All ties for third place will all qualify, but tiebreak rules will be used to determine trophies and medals. Also, all players scoring a minimum of 3.5 points will qualify for the Gigafinal.

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

The results will be submitted to the ECF for rating and to the EJCA for the Essex Junior Grand Prix.

### Registration

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

<https://bit.ly/Essex-MF-2025>



### 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 Gymnasium. Expert coaches will analyse the games in the main Hall. There will be sufficient waiting spaces in the Dining Area and Extension for accompanied persons.

Colchester Country High School for Girls (CCHSG) 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.travelessex.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 serving point for tea, coffee and snacks to purchase. 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 any responsibility for any theft or accident during the event.

Strictly no ball games in the premise. We request all players and accompanying guests to be respectful to the facilities. Also, CCHSG is a nut-free school.

The chief arbiter may merge two or more sections for operational convenience; prize distribution will remain unaffected.

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