

Winchester College chess players meet British Champion David Howell
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Four members of the chess squad, accompanied by the master-in-charge, met the current British Champion and youngest Grandmaster in the UK, David Howell, at an event organised by the Southampton University Chess Club. David, 19, fresh from the high-point of his career so far - an unbeaten record against seven world-class players at the London Chess Classic in December 2009 - gave an hour-long masterclass on four of his most significant games, before taking on approximately 25 players, including the Winchester five (Ilya Iyengar, William Peck, Shan-Conrad Wolf, Nick Dagnall and Mr Hunt), in a simultaneous display in which he won all but three games. The College loaned most of the sets used for the simultaneous display. Winchester College and Southampton University teams meet regularly in the Southampton Chess League, and this year the College A team has gained promotion to Division 2, where it will meet either or both of the University A and B teams.