

CS Primary Team Competition: Tayside/Fife heat

Glenwood High School, Glenrothes was the venue for last weekend's Fife and Tayside qualifying heat for the Chess Scotland Primary Competition. Eight teams took part. Glenrothes was well represented with two teams from Carleton and one each from Markinch, Newcastle and St Pauls. Auchtermuchty and Freuchie flew the flag for north Fife, with Hillside representing Dundee. Some of the participants in CS Tayside and Fife Primary Team heat



Competition was extremely fierce and it was clear after a couple of rounds that, with only three qualifying places on offer, some strong teams were going to miss out. Newcastle and Markinch were handicapped from the start because only three players turned up for each team, effectively meaning both schools started each game a point down – with only four points up for grabs in each match, this was always likely to prove too much. With these two out of the running, four teams (Carleton A, St Pauls, Freuchie and Hillside) were battling for three places. In the end, Carleton narrowly lost out. Special mention should go to the St Pauls' team, all of whom were playing in their first competition. Auchtermuchty, also playing in their first competition, put in a good performance as well, managing to achieve two draws.
Final Placings (qualifiers in bold) **Hillside (7 pts); Freuchie (6); St Pauls (6);** Carleton A (5); Markinch, Newcastle, Carleton B, Auchtermuchty (all 2 points).

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