

Warwickshire Schools Individual Table Tennis Championships 2024

The Warwickshire Schools Individual Table Tennis Championships took place on Sunday 14th January 2024 at Meon Vale Leisure Centre in Stratford. There were 56 competitors taking part across all eight events.

Under 11 Girls:

Dora Wong, only eight years old, won the under 11 Girls title, winning a round robin event, beating both Ella Nwanoro and Jessica Barrow. Ella beat Jessica to finish in second place. For all three girls it was their first table tennis competition so well done!



(L to R): Daya Chima & Anya Sompura (under 19 girls, who helped organise the under 11 Girls event); Ella Nwanoro (runner up); Dora Wong (winner); Jessica Barrow (3rd place); and Kate Hughes (Tournament Organiser).

Under 11 Boys:

Nokulus Lam retained his under 11 boys title from last year, beating Dean Tuan-Mu 3-1 in the final. In the two semi-finals, Nokulus had beaten Daiwik Sompura 3-0, whilst Dean beat Tommy Moyle by the same score line. It was great to see twelve under 11 boys competing this year, the highest number of competitors across any event, several of whom are still eligible to play in the same age category next season.



(L to R): Tommy Moyle, Daiwik Sompura (losing semi-finalists), Dean Tuan-Mu (runner up), and Nokulus Lam (winner).

Under 13 Girls:

Charlotte Wong won the round robin event, comprised of six competitors. There were some close matches between the players, including Charlotte's final match against Chuanyu Cheung, which she won 11-6, 8-11, 9-11, 11-7, 14-12. Cheung finished in second place, and Isla Turner (playing in this event for the first time, finished 3rd).



(L to R): Debbie Barrow (Stratford TTC Coach); Chuanyu Cheng (runner up), Charlotte Wong (winner); Isla Turner (3rd place), and Kate Hughes.

Under 13 Boys:

Having finished in second place for the last two years, **Rex Ho** won the under 13 boys title beating Toby John 3-0 in the final. The two losing semi-finalists were Haymas Ng (who lost 2-3 to John) and Toby Roe (who lost 0-3 to Ho).



(L to R): Haymas Ng, Toby Roe (losing semi-finalists), Rex Ho (winner) and Toby John (runner up).

Under 16 Girls:

Having finished in second place last year, **Man Nga Mia Chan** won the Under 16 girls round robin event, winning all three of her matches. Susie Swan finished as the runner up, Keerthi Bakhthisaran finished 3rd and Freya Boer finished 4th.



(L to R): Freya Boer (4th place), Keerthi Bakhthisaran (3rd place), Susie Swan (runner up) and Man Nga Chan Mia (winner).

Under 16 Boys:

There were some excellent matches in the under 16 boys, both in the group and knockout stages. Number 1 seed **Rex Wong**, successfully won his group, then beat Starry Sheung 3-2 in the semi-finals, before dispatching of Wajid Wafiq 3-1 in the final. Wajid had beaten Sheung 3-0 in the group stages, and then Alex Setchell in the semi-finals, also 3-0.



(L to R): Rex Wong (winner), Wajid Wafiq (runner-up), Kevin Taylor (Chair of Stratford TTC), Starry Sheung and Alex Setchell (losing semi-finalists).

Under 19 Girls:

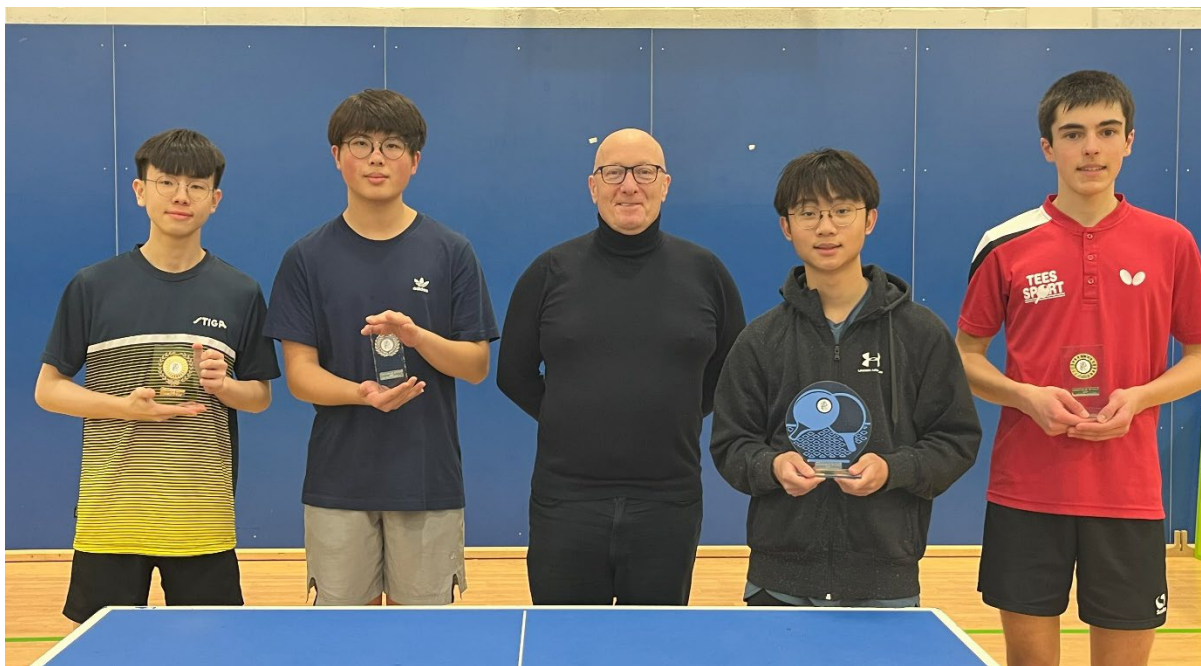
Hanne Chui won the round robin of three players, with Daya Chima finishing in 2nd place, ahead of Anya Sompura. The match between Daya and Anya was exceptionally close, with Daya winning 11-6, 9-11, 11-7, 8-11, 12-10.



(L to R): Anya Sompura (3rd place), Daya Chima (runner up) and Hanne Chui (winner).

Under 19 Boys:

A round-robin of seven players took place for the under 19 boys, including several competitors participating in their first competition. **Jaymas Ng** finished in first place, ahead of Daniel King Hin Siu, with Sean Lee in 3rd place, and Daniel Stone in 4th place.



(L to R): Sean Lee (3rd place), Daniel King Hin Siu (runner up), Kevin Taylor, Jaymas Ng (winner), and Daniel Stone (4th place).

The winners in each event have been invited to represent **Warwickshire Schools** in the **Butterfly Schools Individual Table Tennis Championships – National Finals** on Saturday 27th April at Aldersley Leisure Village in Wolverhampton. More than 350 players representing 50 counties will gather for the National Finals, which is the biggest one-day table tennis competition in the country.

Volunteers:

I would like to say a big thank you to the following people who volunteered to help support the event on Sunday 14th January.

Michael and Nicola Rinnhofer, Ian Scott, Debbie and Pete Barrow, Kevin Taylor (who secured once again the excellent venue at Meon Vale Leisure Centre), and to the members of Stratford TTC (Leigh, Jack, Robert, Phil, and Ian) and all the parents and players who assisted with the setting up and clearing away of the equipment.

Finally... thank you to the support of parents, coaches, school teachers (especially Mr Jardim and Mrs Bolland) who encouraged so many children to participate and enjoy the table tennis competition!

I look forward to seeing you all next year.

Kate Hughes
January 2024.