



CHESSFEST

Outdoor Chess Festival 16th July 2021

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The CSC Summer Chess Festival will take place from 16th-18th July at various locations in central London. The Festival will draw on the chess theme of Lewis Carroll's *Alice Through the Looking Glass* and will culminate in a day of chess activities in Trafalgar Square on Sunday 18th July, run by CSC and open to the public.

As part of this Festival, we have arranged for 30 CSC schools to each bring five children to a day of chess and fun activities at **Manchester Square Gardens in London W1 on Friday 16th July**. The trip will be completely free for the schools involved, with travel subsidies available for schools outside of London. Activities will be outdoors under marquees, unless the weather is very bad in which case we have also hired a local church.

Before the trip CSC is working with the V&A to develop additional educational resources to prepare the children for their trip. These will ensure the children understand the relevance of *Alice Through the Looking Glass* and its chess content. CSC will also provide a DVD of the film *Alice Through the Looking Glass* for the school in advance.



Manchester Square Gardens
London W1



The Wallace Collection

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE - 16th July 2021

Arrival from **9.30am**.

Schools meet at Manchester Square Gardens which is easy walking distance from Bond St and Baker St underground stations.

Activities will include:

Chess Lesson, Games against Masters, Giant Chess Matches, Mad Hatter's Chess Party, Visit to the Wallace Collection Museum (wallacecollection.org) including 'Hands on Armour' – Children will be able to try on 15th and 16th century armour from the collection

2.30pm Departure

2.45pm Optional: Visit to Madame Tussauds (non-London schools only)

Children will need to bring their own packed lunch.

Children will receive a goodie bag on departure, but for environmental reasons there won't be a bag! So please ensure your children have space in their bags for a book, a pocket chess set and other items that they will receive on departure.

Covid safety

The safety of our schools and pupils is always the first consideration for CSC. CSC staff will have taken a lateral flow test before the event and we ask that all adults accompanying their schools do the same. CSC will follow Government safety guidance at all times and will work with each individual school to ensure the trip meets their own requirements.