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STEPHEN WHATLEY WINS THE UNDER 12 BRITISH CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

The Minister for Culture, Heritage, Sport and Leisure, the Honourable Edwin Reyes, publicly congratulates young Stephen Whatley on having achieved a joint 1st place and on now being the under 12 year old British Chess Champion 2010.

Stephen scored an outstanding 4/5 against adult players in a very tough competition, even beating the top seed. Stephen also scored 4.5/7 in the U11 year olds, losing only one game to the eventual winner. His results were: Win 3, Draw 3, Loss 1.

The Gibraltar Sports and Leisure Authority have no doubt that, through his dedication to chess and his sheer brilliance, Stephen will continue to bring further international successes to Gibraltar. It is indeed an honour for all of us that a young Gibraltarian has achieved this prestigious position in the Chess world.

Stephen and his family have thanked the Government of Gibraltar for all their support and help received in financial sponsorship, thereby enabling Stephen to further develop some of his undoubted potential. Stephen will now remain in the UK for the next two weeks to participate in the finals of UK Chess Challenge on 21st and 22nd August.

On behalf of everyone in Gibraltar, the Minister has forwarded to Stephen our congratulations and best wishes for his next competition.