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Tradewise helps take chess into the classroom



CAPTION: Gilbert Licudi, Gibraltar's Education Minister, visited the Festival at the start of Round 7. Pic: Sophie Triay.

GIBRALTAR'S EDUCATION MINISTER Gilbert Licudi was at the Tradewise Gibraltar Chess Festival this afternoon. Shown around the Augustus Suite where play again began at 3pm, the seventh round of the Gibraltar Masters, he also presented the prizes to the winners of last night's Blitz Pairs event.

Mr Licudi commented on how the tournament continued to be an enormous success and attracted the world's top players.



*CAPTION: Gibraltar's Education Minister Gilbert Licudi with Tournament Director Stuart Conquest at the start of play today.
PIC: Sophie Triay.*

The Minister who will return to the Caleta Hotel this coming weekend for the Tradewise Chess Junior Tournament, played here following the Tradewise Gibraltar Chess Festival 2016, is supportive of chess being played in the schools.

Mr Licudi gave his support to a pilot scheme set up in one of the middle schools in Gibraltar last year where chess now forms part of the curriculum. The aim is to eventually introduce it in other schools as well.

“Getting chess into schools in Gibraltar is something we will continue to promote,” he said during his visit.

“We need to see how this develops and the level of interest there is to see how we can expand. We all see the value from an educational point of view and of chess logic being applied by these young minds. It is something we want to continue to encourage,” he said.

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