



The 56th ECF National Schools Chess Championships

Sponsored by Winchester College, St Catherine's Bramley
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Thanks to the generosity of our new sponsor schools Heathside Preparatory School, Winchester College and St Catherine's Bramley, entry into the National Schools Chess Championships 2012/13 is FREE for all schools in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland until 31st August 2012. This means that all your school needs to qualify for the National Schools Finals is six talented players, six chess sets, transport for (on average) two away matches at the local zonal stage and one more if your team qualifies for the national stage, and squash and biscuits to give your opponents at home matches. School teams for the two exclusively Girls' National Schools Championships need only a team of three players, with playing arrangements dependent on entries.

So there has never been a better year to enter your school into the National Schools Chess Championships! The Championships feature –

- FREE ENTRY for schools applying before 31st August 2012
- Four National Chess Championship titles: U19, U19 Girls, U11 and U11 Girls
- A pin badge for every U11 player who takes part (funds permitting)
- An inscribed National Schools Chess trophy plaque for every zone-winning school
- A variety of first round formats: local zones aiming for matches within 30 minutes' travel (in most areas) or knockouts; and for U19 Girls and U11 Girls only, four regional semi-finals (dependent on entries)
- Exciting new 8-school jamboree format for the U11 Finals
- Finals to be held at a central venue on two days in early July 2013

For full details and rules visit <http://www.nationalschoolschess.org.uk>