



ECF Secondary School Chess News

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Tournaments still taking entries

We are well into the season but there are still two events your school chess team can enter. What is more both are free and you can start playing without travelling.

Blitz

The blitz tournament has two components, a within school tournament and national finals. See the [webpage](#) for how you can run a tournament at your school. If you wish you can also send a player, or a team, to the National finals in Grantham on Saturday 18th March. There are still some places remaining.

Internet

This is a new venture, and is open to school teams of 4 players. Playing on the ICCF server each player has 5 days a move so no need to rush! For more information as to how to take part please email Phill Beckett dep.manager.secondary@englishchess.org.uk

Ongoing tournaments

National Schools Chess Championships

This year's U19 open championship has now reached the regional stage. There are 13 regions, and each regional winner qualifies for the National Finals at Uppingham School in July. You can follow the progress of the teams in these rounds at [Regional Stages](#).

The one day Repechage at Eton College for the final 3 final places will be on Sunday 23rd April. Entry is only open to schools who qualified for the regional stage.

The two semi-finals for the [National Girls' U19 championship](#) have been won by Howell's School, Cardiff (South) and Fernwood School, Nottingham (North). 27 teams from 15 schools took part. 8 teams have qualified for the final which will be played on over the weekend of 1st/2nd April 2017 at St Catherine's School, Bramley.

Team Chess Challenges

15 regional final of [Team Chess Challenge](#) have yielded the qualifiers for the National Final which will take place on Wednesday 29th March 2017 at Imperial College Maths Department in London. At the same time and place half a dozen school teams will seek to win the final of [Team Problem Solving Championship](#).

The final of the newly inaugurated [Junior Team Chess Challenge](#), for players in year 8 and below, will be taking place at Hertford College, Oxford on Wednesday 19th April 2017 with 16 teams from around the country.

ECF Chess Leadership Schools

Schools which promote chess through the ECF can apply to become [ECF Chess Leadership Schools](#). Check the website to see if your school would qualify.