



## ECF Secondary School Chess News

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Click on any of the underlined hyperlinks for more details.

### [ECF National Schools Chess Championships 2017/18](#)

We are very grateful to Winchester College (U19 Open) and St Catherine's School, Bramley (U19 Girls') for their continued sponsorship.

#### [U19 Open](#)

All schools can enter this event for free. It is for teams of six players. In the Autumn term teams can play at a local afternoon event or in a league. Then, as in the FA Cup, the strong teams join in January. Winners of each Region are joined by repechage qualifiers to play at the National Final in early July 2018. Click on the title for more information and a link to the entry form or email the Controller, [John Swain](#).

#### [U19 Girls](#)

Teams in this event are of 3 female players. There are one day semi-finals in the North and South in January, with leading teams progressing to the finals in the Easter Holidays.

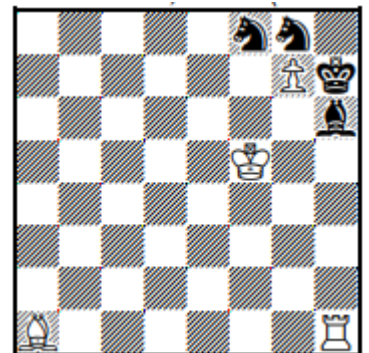
Controller: [Andrew Martin](#)

#### [Team Problem Solving Challenge](#)

This is a competition you can do at your own school chess club. The first round of problems are already waiting for you on the [website](#). Schools need to submit their solutions by October 31<sup>st</sup>.

Organiser [Phill Beckett](#)

An example problem from last year is shown here, White to play and mate next move.



#### [ECF Team Chess Challenge](#) and [ECF Junior Team Chess Challenge](#)

Local events for teams of 4 players where the winning team qualifies for National Finals in April 2018. Some Regional finals have already been planned, more will be announced during the Autumn Term. TCC is for any age, JTCC for year 8 and below. We would welcome more venues for regional events. If you are willing to consider hosting an event please [email me](#) and I can provide more information.

#### [ECF School Blitz](#)

Last year saw the pilot of running an ECF School Blitz Chess tournament, and you can read [a report about it](#). It will be run again this year and more details will be published on the NSCC website and circulated in the next Newsletter.

## **Calendar of other Secondary School chess team events Autumn 2017**

### **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

Eton College, ECF Secondary School Chess Tournament  
6 board one day school tournament. Over 50 teams have already entered!  
Contact [Neill Cooper](#)

### **Weekend 30<sup>th</sup> September – 1<sup>st</sup> October**

Junior 4NCL for teams of 4 players – not just school teams  
Visit [http://www.4ncl.co.uk/j4ncl/jn\\_entry.htm](http://www.4ncl.co.uk/j4ncl/jn_entry.htm) for more information

### **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2017**

KCS Wimbledon, One day Under 13 tournament for teams of 4 players  
Contact [Matthew Hortin](#)

### **Weekend 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> October 2017**

Millfield School - Millfield International Chess Tournament  
Contact [Matthew Turner](#)

### **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2017**

School and University Afternoon Blitz chess tournament at UCL (near King's Cross) London  
Contact [Neill Cooper](#)

And finally a different opportunity

### **Weekend 14<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> October in London**

[ECU School Chess Teacher training course](#)