



ECF Secondary School Chess News

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ECF One day Schools Tournament

Sunday 17th March saw the first ECF Schools event outside of the South East. King's School, Grantham in Lincolnshire both hosted and ran a one day rapidplay event for teams of 4 players. The event ran very smoothly and was a great success, in particular giving a boost to secondary school chess in Lincolnshire. A full report is attached. If any other school would like to host such an event please let me know and I will provide whatever help you need.

ECF Afternoon Schools Tournament

Having piloted such events myself at Wilson's School, it was great to have another school want to run such an event. It is to be held in Bedfordshire on Thursday 2 May at Vandyke Upper School, Leighton Buzzard. It has proved so popular that entries are now closed, with more than a dozen schools entering, including some new to competitive chess. This event will provide a boost to school chess in Bedfordshire.

A report of the ECF afternoon event held at Wilson's School in March can be found [on the ECF website](#).

Regional School Chess Champions

Please do let me know if you have successfully run an inter-school tournament in your area. So far the only one I know of this year is in Surrey, where Wilson's School won the 'Briant Poulter' League.

National Schools Chess Championship

The competition is coming towards its completion, with 16 teams remaining – eight in the Championship and eight in the Plate. The winners of the quart finals to be played in the next few weeks will play in the finals at Uppingham School on July 4th and 5th. Details can be found on [National Schools website](#)

Also, both of the Girl's U19 Semi-finals have now been held and six teams of three girls will be playing in their finals at the same time as the U19 open.

Birmingham U14 One Day Rapidplay

Birmingham hosted its annual U14 tournament at Solihull School with teams of 8 pupils travelling from as far afield as Bolton and Torquay to take part. The jamboree format event was won by Haberdasher's with 37/40, followed by Nottingham High on 31.5.

School Chess in the news

[A report in the Bournemouth Echo](#) about a school chess team.

Calendar of Secondary School chess team events

Thursday 2 May [ECF four board afternoon event](#) at Vandyke Upper School, Leighton Buzzard, Beds 4.00 to 6.30 pm Contact Adam Hall halla@vandyke.cbeds.co.uk [Now full]

Thurs 4 and Fri 5 July, Finals of the [National Schools](#) Chess Championship (U19 Open and u19 Girls) at Uppingham School [By Qualification]

12th and 13th October 2013 Millfield International at Millfield School for teams of 12 players contact Matthew Turner mjt@millfieldschool.com

Team Chess Challenge

Thank you for the feedback on the plans for next year's 'Team Chess Challenge' circulated in February. More details will be appearing soon, but in the meantime I am still looking for schools who might be willing to host such an afternoon event. The map below shows where schools are already considering hosting, and the gaps show where offers are most needed!

