



ECF Secondary School Chess News

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ECF National Schools Chess Championships 2015/16

We are very grateful to Winchester College (U19 Open) and St Catherine's School, Bramley (U19 Girls') for their continued sponsorship. You can find out more about the various tournaments on the website www.nationalschoolschess.org.uk

Congratulations to last year's winners: Haberdasher's Askes ([Open](#)) and Nonsuch School ([Girls](#)). You can find reports on the National Schools Chess Championships website (links in brackets).



Haberdasher's Askes, Open Champions



Nonsuch School, Girls Champions

For the coming season as well as the main championship (U19 Open), which has been run since the 1950s, there are four other events secondary schools can enter – [U19 Girls](#), U13 Open, Team Chess Challenge and Team Chess Problem Solving Challenge.

The [U19 Open](#) has had some changes to its format and you can find out more from the website. If you have any queries about this, or any of the other events, please do email me.

There is also a pilot of running an [U13 tournament](#) this year based on afternoon and one day qualifying events and then a one day final.

For both the Open tournaments we would welcome more venues for regional events. Please let me know if you are willing to consider hosting one.

Secondary School Chess leagues

Below is my list of secondary school chess leagues in England. Please let me know if you know of any others.

[Briant Poulter League](#), Surrey; Contact [Neill Cooper](#)

Birmingham & District Junior Chess League; Contact [Andrew Rogers](#)

[Sussex Junior Chess](#) Contact via their website

[Brent Schools Chess League](#) Contact [Surjit Dhemrait](#)

[Wirral Schools Chess](#) Contact [Matthew Battersby](#)

ECF Team Chess Challenge

Congratulations to Manchester Grammar School on winning the 2015 tournament with a fantastic 18/20 at the finals. More details at <http://www.teamchesschallenge.org.uk/>. Arrangements for the 2015/16 tournament will be similar to last year. Dates will be announced during the Autumn Term.

ECF Team Chess Problem Solving Challenge

Congratulations to The King's School, Grantham on winning the inaugural 2015 tournament of this new event. You can find a report on the final [here](#). Details of the first postal round for 2015/16 will be circulated in October 2015.

Calendar of other Secondary School chess team events Autumn 2015

Sunday 20th September 2015

Eton College, [ECF Secondary School Chess Tournament](#)

6 board one day school tournament. Over 20 teams have already entered

Contact [Neill Cooper](#)

Wednesday 7th October 2015

Westminster School, After school Jamboree for teams of 6 players

Contact [Michael Davies](#)

10th and 11th October 2015

Millfield School - Millfield International for teams of 12 players

Contact [Matthew Turner](#)

Saturday 10th October 2015

KCS Wimbledon, One day U13 tournament for teams of 4 players

Contact [Matthew Hortin](#)

Monday 12th October 2015

ECF Afternoon Secondary School Chess Tournament at Wilson's School, Wallington Surrey for teams of 4 players.

Contact [Neill Cooper](#)

Saturday 28th November 2015

King Edward School, Birmingham

One day U18 School's tournament for teams of 8 players

Contact [Dominic Tuohey](#)

Spring 2016

Sunday 24th January 2016

RGS Guildford, One day Secondary School Tournament for teams of 4 players

Contact [Alan Thorn](#)

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