



## ECF Secondary School Chess News

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### ECF Secondary School Rapidplay Chess Tournaments

On Sunday 10th February 2013 there will be a double event at Eton College for school teams of 6 players. You can enter this event knowing you will be eligible for exactly one of the two sections:

- Teams who have reached their zone final of the National Schools Championships can play in an Elite 5 round rapidplay event.
- All other teams, who enter the National Schools Championships 'last chance saloon'.

The entry form is attached. It is hoped that the Northern Last Chance Saloon will be able to offer a similar choice of sections.

Then in March there are two further one day inter-school events – see the diary below for details.

### Report on the ECF Afternoon School Tournament

The second ECF afternoon event was held at Wilson's school in November with some new schools entering.

A total of 112 players took part with 40 players in the Open section (clocks being used) the 72 playing in the Major (without clocks). The open section was won by a strong home team who scored 14 points in their 16 games.



The Major was very close and going into the final round 4 teams were only half a point apart. The top two matches featured a key stage 3 team against a sixth form team. In both fixtures the younger teams won 3 - 1. The section winners were two Wilson's teams.



A very positive outcome of the two events held is that various schools are now forming chess teams, and some have entered other tournaments.

If you would like to host such an event do let me know and I will do what I can to help.

### Report on the Birmingham Schools Invitation Tournament

The one day tournament at King Edward School, Birmingham on Saturday 1st December had a total of ten 8 board teams playing. In the closest of finishes, Nottingham High School won by half a game point from Haberdashers Askes. Both teams won 4 of their 5 matches. They were followed by 4 teams who won 3 of their 5 fixtures: KE Camp Hill, KE School, Wilson's School and Nottingham High 'B' team.

### County School Championships

Oxfordshire is the latest county to be resurrecting their Open secondary school championships. Do let me know if there are any secondary school matches in your county.

## **National Schools Chess Championship**

You can find all the latest news at <http://www.sccu.ndo.co.uk/schoolschamps.htm> which is being regularly updated.

### **Calendar of Secondary School chess team events**

Sun 10th February 2013: National Schools Chess Championships Southern Last Chance Saloon at Eton College, including a separate Elite tournament for those who have already qualified for the national stages. Contact: Neill Cooper, [manager.secondary@englishchess.org.uk](mailto:manager.secondary@englishchess.org.uk)

Saturday 9 March 2013 Birmingham Schools One day Under 14 rapidplay Tournament for teams of 8 players at Solihull School . Contact Andrew Rogers: [amrogers1@gmail.com](mailto:amrogers1@gmail.com)

Sunday 17 March 2013 ECF 4 board, one day event at King's School, Grantham, Lincolnshire. Contact Phillip Beckett: [phillipbeckett@yahoo.com](mailto:phillipbeckett@yahoo.com)

12th and 13th October 2013 Millfield International at Millfield School for teams of 12 players contact Matthew Turner [mjt@millfieldschool.com](mailto:mjt@millfieldschool.com)