



## ECF Secondary School Chess News

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**Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas!**

### Team Chess Challenge

So far 77 teams from 49 schools have taken part in ten regional finals run on weekday afternoons. The ten regional winners have qualified for the national final at Imperial College on Wednesday 23rd April 2014. Winners since the November newsletter are:

- Magdalen College School, Oxford – Oxford winners
- Hampton School, West London winners;
- Queen Elizabeth's Hospital, South West winners;
- University College School, North London Winners

Earlier winners were: Nottingham High School; Queen Mary's Grammar School, Walsall; Eltham College; Vandyke Upper School; Manchester GS; QE Barnet

One regional final is still to take place, in the North East on Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> January. There is also a Repechage Final at Eton College on Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> March. This is open to any school who has not already reached the final, whether or not they played at an earlier Regional Final.

See <http://www.teamchesschallenge.org.uk/> for more details of Team Chess Challenge



### National Schools Chess Championship

This year's U19 open championship has now started and full details are available from the website. <http://englishchess.org.uk/NSCC14/>

The two semi-finals for the National Girls' U19 championship have been planned for January 2014 (see dates below). These are open to any 3 board girls school team. For more details see <http://englishchess.org.uk/NSCC14/national-schools-girls-u19/>

### Birmingham schools team rapid play



One day team rapid play events are growing in popularity with schools. Following the event at Eton in September with 150 players, KES Birmingham hosted a tournament on November 30<sup>th</sup> saw almost 100 playing in twelve teams of eight boards.

Congratulations to Hampton School on winning the event, and to KES on being the Birmingham District champions.

There are further one day events at Grantham on March 16<sup>th</sup> and South London on March 23<sup>rd</sup>, as well as the National Schools event at Eton on 9<sup>th</sup> February. See calendar below for more details.

## School Chess Club ideas

With the arrival of spring term comes UK Chess Challenge and a chance to run a competition at your school chess club. All is provided including a trophy for the winner, and places at the county Megafinal for all your top players. For more information visit the competition website <http://www.delanceyuksschoolschesschallenge.com/>

### Secondary School chess team events in Spring 2014

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January; St Catherine's School, Bramley The National Girls U19 Championships Southern Semi-final. Contact Andrew Martin [a.martin2007@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:a.martin2007@yahoo.co.uk)

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January: Team Chess Challenge North East Regional Final at Durham Johnston School. Contact: Szymon Palucha [paluchasz@googlemail.com](mailto:paluchasz@googlemail.com)

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January; Cheadle Hulme School, The National Girls U19 Championships Northern Semi-final. Contact Andrew Martin [a.martin2007@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:a.martin2007@yahoo.co.uk)

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January: 4.30 to 6.30 pm ECF afternoon event at Wilson's school, Wallington Contact Neill Cooper: [manager.secondary@englishchess.org.uk](mailto:manager.secondary@englishchess.org.uk) Open to any school.

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February; ECF National Schools Chess Championships Last Chance Saloon. A One day rapid play event for teams of 6 players at Eton College. Contact Richard Haddrell [richardhaddrell@gmail.com](mailto:richardhaddrell@gmail.com) Open to any school team not in a zone final.

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> March King Edward VI Camp Hill, U14 School's tournament for teams of 8 players, Contact Andrew Rogers [amrogers1@gmail.com](mailto:amrogers1@gmail.com) Open to any school

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March; ECF one day rapid play event for teams of 4 players at King's School, Grantham, Lincolnshire. Contact Phillip Beckett: [phillipbeckett@yahoo.com](mailto:phillipbeckett@yahoo.com) Open to any school. Includes ECF Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire School Rapid play Championships.

Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> March 5.00 – 7.00 pm Team Chess Challenge Repechage at Eton College. Contact Justin Moston [J.Moston@etoncollege.org.uk](mailto:J.Moston@etoncollege.org.uk) Open to any school team not in the National final.

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March; ECF one day rapid play event for teams of 6 players at Wilson's School, Wallington. Contact Neill Cooper: [manager.secondary@englishchess.org.uk](mailto:manager.secondary@englishchess.org.uk) Open to any school. Includes ECF Surrey and Kent Secondary School Rapid play Championships.

**Please do let me know if there are any events in your area that I have not listed!**