



ECF Secondary School Chess News

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National Schools Chess Championship

Since January the zones are almost all over and the national stages are about to begin. You can find the results of all the zones [here](#). National stage matches will be reported there in due course.

The results of two U19 Girls Semi-finals can also be found from [here](#). In the end 14 teams from 10 schools took part. With the event becoming established hopefully more girls teams (only 3 players needed in a team) will take part next year.

U19 Open Last Chance Saloon at Eton College. This is described, with photos, on the ECF website [here](#). As with the girls event there were some late drop outs due to schools finding that players were not available after all. Even so 20 teams and over 110 players in total took part.

ECF One day Schools Tournament

In March I will be getting out of the South East for the next ECF one day rapidplay event which will be in Lincolnshire on Sunday 17th March. We are very grateful to King's School, Grantham for hosting this event which is for teams of 4 players. So far 17 teams from as far afield as Edinburgh, Bolton and Guildford have entered. More details, entry form and list of present entrants can be found at <http://englishchess.org.uk/Juniors/teams/schools/>

ECF Afternoon Schools Tournament

Two events are coming soon, one for the South London area on Wednesday 20th March from 4.15 to 6.30pm at Wilson's School, Wallington.

The second is being held in Bedfordshire on Thursday 2 May at Vandyke Upper School, Leighton Buzzard. More details below under Calendar

Team Chess Challenge

I am planning to pilot a new inter-school tournament next year. Please see the attached flier for my ideas. Please feel free to let me know what you think and suggest improvements. Some schools have already offered to host the afternoon regional finals but I need some more, so let me know if you think your school could host one.

Calendar of Secondary School chess team events

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

Sunday 17 March 2013 ECF four board, one day event at King's School, Grantham, Lincolnshire. Contact Phillip Beckett: phillipbeckett@yahoo.com

Wednesday 20 March [ECF four board afternoon event](#) at Wilson's School, 4.15 to 6.30 pm Contact Neill Cooper: manager.secondary@englishchess.org.uk

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

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