



ECF Secondary School Chess News

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National Schools Chess Championship

This year's U19 open championship has now reached the national stage with 26 school teams left in the competition. You can follow the progress of the teams in these rounds at [National Stages](#).

The one day [Last Chance Saloon](#) at Eton College had over 100 players in 18 teams and was won by past National Champions Wellington College.

The two semi-finals for the [National Girls' U19 championship](#) have been won by Nonsuch School (South) and RGS Newcastle (North). Six teams have qualified for the final which will be played during the Easter Holidays.



Last Chance Saloon at Eton College



ECF Afternoon Chess Tournaments

Another ECF Afternoon tournament was held at Wilson's School on Wed 29th January and proved popular, particular with schools who do not yet regularly play against other schools. A full report of this event is attached and can be found at [ECF Schools web page](#).

If any school would like help in planning and running such an event please do not hesitate to contact me using the email address above.

Team Chess Challenge

There is one place left at the national final of Team Chess Challenge, which will be taken by the winners of the Repechage event at Eton College on Thursday 20th March. For more information see <http://www.teamchesschallenge.org.uk/>.

One day rapid play team events

During March there are 3 one day school team events where you might like to enter a team. The dates are given below and entry forms for the two ECF events are attached. They also include ECF School Rapid Play Championships for Notts, Lincs, Surrey and Kent. Would anyone else like to host such a one day county championships?

School Chess Club ideas

I find that my pupils like competitive chess. However I was surprised at how popular an inter-form chess challenge was. 28 forms entered a total of 35 teams each of 4 players.

With 140 players it did show that chess can be popular at secondary schools!

PTO for Calendar



Secondary School team chess events in Spring 2014

Saturday 8th March

King Edward VI Camp Hill, Birmingham

U14 School's tournament for teams of 8 players,

Contact Andrew Rogers amrogers1@gmail.com Open to any school

Sunday 16th March;

King's School, Grantham, Lincolnshire.

ECF one day rapid play event for teams of 4 players at

Contact Phillip Beckett: phillipbeckett@yahoo.com Open to any school.

Includes ECF Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire School Rapid play Championships.

Thurs 20th March 5.00 – 7.00 pm

Eton College, Berkshire

Team Chess Challenge Repechage, teams of 4 players

Contact Justin Moston J.Moston@etoncollege.org.uk

Open to any secondary school team not in the Team Chess Challenge National final.

Sunday 23rd March;

Wilson's School, Wallington

ECF one day rapid play event for teams of 6 players

Contact Neill Cooper: manager.secondary@englishchess.org.uk Open to any school.

Includes ECF Surrey and Kent Secondary School Rapid play Championships.

Sat 12 and Sun 13th April 2014

St Catherine's School, Bramley.

National Girls' U19 Championship Finals, qualified teams only

Wed 23rd April

Imperial College, London

Team Chess Challenge National Final

Contact Neill Cooper: manager.secondary@englishchess.org.uk Qualified teams only

Friday 9th May: 4.30 to 6.30 pm

Wilson's School, Wallington

ECF afternoon event for teams of 4 players

Contact Neill Cooper: manager.secondary@englishchess.org.uk Open to any secondary school.

