



ECF Secondary School Chess News

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ECF Afternoon events <http://englishchess.org.uk/Juniors/teams/schools/>

The afternoon event recently held at Wilson's School (near Croydon) was a great success. Of the 8 schools who took part 4 had not played in a school chess event before. Lots of the players had not previously played chess for their secondary school. Players enjoyed the rate of play - each round lasted 25 minutes, and the variety of opponents. Almost all the players won at least one game of chess. For more information please read the attached report.

If you would like to host such an event in your area do let me know!

ECF One day events <http://englishchess.org.uk/Juniors/teams/schools/>

This type of event is also designed for those schools (and teachers) who would like more chess matches. A six round Swiss allows for a range of abilities to be present but for most schools to have some successes. In the case of the pilot event at Eton College on September 23rd this event will also be graded. This event is already very popular with 24 entries. Plans are already being made for further such events. You can see the list of entries at <http://englishchess.org.uk/Juniors/ecf-secondary-school-rapidplay-chess-tournament-entries/>

School County Champions

Are you the best secondary school at chess in your county? As far as I know, only 2 counties this season (2011/12) have had a competition of at least one match to determine their county champions. Those two are Surrey (a league) and Sussex (1 match). Do let me know if you had any sort of competition in your county.

ECF Yateley Manor National Schools Championship

<http://www.sccu.ndo.co.uk/schoolschamps.htm>

The finals of this year's tournament will take place at Uppingham School on July 5th and 6th. Whilst numbers for this event in recent years have been lower than in previous years I expect numbers to increase next year. As soon as they are available I will circulate details of the 2012/13 event which promises some great new developments.

ECF Junior Membership

Juniors will soon be able to join the ECF at a great new rate of only £8. This will allow them the benefits of belonging to the National Chess body and also being able to play in any junior only event with no grading fee.

Junior 4NCL

You can find details of J4NCL and an entry form at http://www.4ncl.co.uk/jn_entry_form.htm

2012-13 Calendar of Secondary School chess team events

5th-6th July Yateley Manor National Schools Championship 2011-12 Finals at Uppingham School
<http://www.sccu.ndo.co.uk/schoolschamps.htm>

Fri 14th September Russell Jamboree at Wilson's School, 5pm to 8pm, school teams of 8 players.
Contact Neill Cooper nsc@wilsonsschool.sutton.sch.uk

Sun 23rd September ECF 6 board one day event at Eton College
<http://englishchess.org.uk/Juniors/teams/schools/>

13th and 14th October: Millfield International at Millfield School contact Matthew Turner
mjt@millfieldschool.com

17th-18th Nov J4NCL1 [Hinckley Island Hotel](#) contact Mike Truran: mike@truranfamily.co.uk

Sat 1st Dec Birmingham Schools One day U18 rapidplay at King Edwards School, Edgbaston, Birmingham. Contact Andrew Rogers: amrogers1@gmail.com

Sat 15th Dec National Prep Schools Rapidplay, Aldro School, Godalming, Surrey Contact: David Archer archerd@aldro.org

19th-20th January 2013 J4NCL2 [Hinckley Island Hotel](#) contact Mike Truran: mike@truranfamily.co.uk

Early February 2013: National Schools Tournament Last Chance Saloons hopefully also including a separate event for those who have already qualified for the national stages.

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

6th-7th April 2013. J4NCL3 [Daventry Court Hotel](#) contact Mike Truran: mike@truranfamily.co.uk

School Chess League news

The Mayor of Bournemouth Schools Chess League is an annual inter-school event run by Dorset Junior Chess Officer Ian Clark. It attracted 2 secondary school teams this year, Portchester School and Bournemouth School for Boys. Bournemouth School for Boys were too strong for Portchester winning the first round 3 v 1 and the second 3.5 to 0.5. These 2 schools have now won the trophy 2 times each and will both be looking to win for the 3rd time next year.

Whilst this might seem like a small event, it is good to see it regularly taking place. If you would like help in getting a secondary school team event going in your county or city please contact let me know and I will do what I can to help.

FAQ – What is a Secondary School?

A Secondary School is a school which has some pupils in years 7 to 13, so it includes sixth form colleges, prep schools as well as schools with pupils from years 7 to 13.