



ECF Secondary School Chess News

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ECF News

I am pleased to announce that Phill Beckett, of King School, Grantham, has been appointed as the Deputy National Secondary Schools Co-ordinator.

The ECF continues to offer a free one year membership. Anyone under 18 who has not previously been a member of the ECF you can become a junior member for free by emailing the ECF office (office@englishchess.org.uk) stating name, address, school and date of birth.

Team Chess Challenge

So far 58 teams from 31 schools have taken part in six regional finals run on weekday afternoons. Six schools have so far qualified for the national final at Imperial College:

- Nottingham High School, East Midland winners;
- Queen Mary's Grammar School, Walsall, West Midlands winners;
- Eltham College, South London Winners;
- Vandyke Upper School, South Midlands winners;
- Manchester GS, North West winners;
- QE Barnet, Kent(!) winners

See <http://www.teamchesschallenge.org.uk/> for more details.

National Schools Chess Championship

This year's U19 open championship has now started. Full details will soon be available at <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. <http://englishchess.org.uk/NSCC14/national-schools-girls-u19/>

Future Secondary School chess team event

Saturday 30th November; King Edward School, Birmingham U18 School's tournament for teams of 8 players, contact Richard Simpson rick@lagonda.org.uk Open to any school

Sunday 19th January 2014; St Catherine's School, Bramley The National Girls U19 Championships Southern Semi-final Contact Andrew Martin a.martin2007@yahoo.co.uk

Sunday 26th January 2014; Cheadle Hulme School, The National Girls U19 Championships Northern Semi-final Contact Andrew Martin a.martin2007@yahoo.co.uk

Sunday 9th February 2014; ECF National Schools Chess Championships Last Chance Saloon. A One day rapid play event for teams of 6 players at Eton College. Richard Haddrell richardhaddrell@gmail.com Open to any school team not in a zone final.

Saturday 8th March 2014 King Edward VI Camp Hill, U14 School's tournament for teams of 8 players, Contact Andrew Rogers amrogers1@gmail.com Open to any school

Sunday 16th March; 2014 ECF one day rapid play event for teams of 4 players at King's School, Grantham, Lincolnshire. Contact Phillip Beckett: phillipbeckett@yahoo.com Open to any school