



ECF Secondary School Chess News

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ECF News

At the ECF AGM on Saturday 12th October the Council voted to allow non-members to play in graded ECF school events. The main consequence of this is that the National Schools Chess Tournaments will not now require ECF membership.

Also, I have returned to my previous position as ECF Secondary School Chess Co-ordinator, and any ECF events I run in future will not be constrained to insist on ECF membership to be graded.

Note, though, that the ECF does 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.

National Schools Chess Championship 2013-14 <http://www.englishchess.org.uk/NSCC14/>

Entries have been coming in slowly for this year's U19 open and also the U19 girls. With the removal of the requirement for ECF membership we hope that many more schools will enter in the next few days, before entries closes.

Team Chess Challenge

Congratulations to the first Regional final winners in this new national secondary school chess tournament: Nottingham High School won the East Midland Final and Queen Mary's Grammar School, Walsall won the West Midlands Final.

There are two more regional finals this week, and six more after half term. There is still time to enter - visit <http://www.teamchesschallenge.org.uk/tccenter.html> or email the name below

| Region | School | Date | Contact | email |
|----------------|----------------------|--------------|----------------|--|
| South London | Wilson's School | Wed 16 Oct | Neill Cooper | nsc@wilsonsschool.sutton.sch.uk |
| South Midlands | Vandyke Upper School | Thurs 17 Oct | Adam Hall | halla@vandyke.cbeds.co.uk |
| North London | Haberdasher's Aske's | Tues 5 Nov | Jon Barnes | Barnes_J@habsboys.org.uk |
| North West | Bolton School | Thurs 7 Nov | Mr P Costello | pcostello@boltonschool.org |
| Kent | King's, Canterbury | Thurs 7 Nov | Jon Hutchings | jmh@kings-school.co.uk |
| Oxford | Radley College | Wed 13 Nov | Kevin Mosedale | kam@radley.org.uk |
| West London | Hampton School | Wed 20 Nov | Alasdair McBay | a.mcbay@hamptonschool.org.uk |
| South West | Bristol GS | Wed 20 Nov | Graham Iwi | GIwi@BGS.Bristol.sch.uk |

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