



## ECF Secondary School Chess News

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### National Schools Chess Championship

As the U19 Open zones reach their semi-final stage we are close to finding out which teams have qualified for the national stages. You can find all the latest news at [U19 page](#) of the National Schools Chess Championship [website](#) which is being regularly updated by the tournament controller, Richard Haddrell. Any school who has not qualified for the national stages can take part in the Last Chance Saloon (See below)

The new National Schools U19 Girls Championships are about to start. It is great to report that 20 schools have entered this event which is being run on the basis of two one day semi-finals. You can find out more from the [National Schools website](#)

### National Schools U19 [Last Chance Tournament PLUS Elite](#)

On Sunday 10th February 2013 there will be a double event at Eton College for school teams of 6 players. You can enter this event knowing you will be eligible for exactly one of the two sections:

- Teams who have reached their zone final of the National Schools Championships can play in an Elite 5 round rapidplay event.
- All other teams, who enter the National Schools Championships 'last chance saloon'.

Already 26 teams have entered this event but there is room for more. To enter use the entry form on [this hyperlink](#).

### New Inter-School Tournament in London

The latest new secondary school chess initiative that I have heard about is being run in North London. Barnet Junior Chess have set up a local Secondary School league which four schools sent five teams each of six boards entered. The event was held over two Wednesday afternoons, from 1.30 to 4pm, with a total of four rounds of chess. The winners were Merchant Taylors' School with North London Collegiate School second. See <http://www.barnetjuniorchess.com/> for more information and a photo.

### 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 17<sup>th</sup> March. We are very grateful to King's School, Grantham for hosting this event which is for teams of 4 players. Schools can enter as many teams as they wish and the games will be ECF graded. For further information please see the attached entry form.

## ECF Afternoon Schools Tournament

I will be running the next ECF afternoon inter-secondary school chess tournament on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March from 4.15 to 6.30pm at Wilson's School, Wallington.

This tournament is split into two sections:

1. 'Elite' section where chess clocks are used and
2. 'Major' section where clocks are not used.

The event is for secondary schools teams of four players of all ability levels, from novice upwards.

[Click here](#) for results and photos of the last event which attracted 27 teams from eight schools.

Email me at [manager.secondary@englishchess.org.uk](mailto:manager.secondary@englishchess.org.uk) if you would like more information.

## **Calendar of Secondary School chess team events**

Sun 10th February 2013: National Schools Chess Championships [Last Chance Saloon](#) at Eton College, including a separate Elite tournament for those who have already qualified for the national stages.

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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:manager.secondary@englishchess.org.uk)

12th and 13th October 2013 Millfield International at Millfield School for teams of 12 players  
contact Matthew Turner [mjt@millfieldschool.com](mailto:mjt@millfieldschool.com)

## **List of organized regional secondary school chess activities**

Barnet Secondary School league (Open, 4 schools, 30 players)

Birmingham and District Junior Chess League (Open, U13, U12, 9 schools, 24 teams, about 150 players)

Bournemouth Schools Chess League (Open, 2 teams, 12 players)

Cumbria Schools Chess League (Open, 4 schools, 24 players)

Briant Poulter (Surrey Schools) league (Open, 14 schools 250 players)

Sussex league (Open, U16, U14, 14 schools, 100 players)

Oxfordshire Secondary School League (Open, U13, 6 schools, 40 players)

**Please let me know of any others that can be added to this list**

## **Secondary School Team Chess in England**

You may be interested in the attached document I have written after my first year as ECF Manager of Secondary School Chess.