**ECF Secondary School Chess News**

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**U19 Open National School Chess Championships**

Over 120 teams from more than 80 schools have already entered but time is now running out for entering the U19 Open National School Chess Championships. Most of the team who have already qualified have entered but a few have not. The deadline to claim their automatic place is 31st October.

For other teams you can only enter a regional qualifier, or the final qualifier, the repechage at UCL (London) on Saturday 1st December. These should be entered at least a week in advance. For more details visit the championship [website](https://www.englishchess.org.uk/NSCC/under-19-2018-19/)

**U19 Girls National School Chess Championships**

Teams of 3 female players is all that is required for this event.  There will be two semi-finals (South and North) which will be held on Saturday 12th January (North) and Sunday 13th January (South) 2019.  More details [here](https://www.englishchess.org.uk/NSCC/u19-girls-2/). Early entry is much appreciated.

**U19 Blitz**

Congratulations to Nottingham High School on winning the second National School Blitz. Read all about it [here](https://www.englishchess.org.uk/NSCC/blitz/).

**Team Chess Challenge and Junior Team Chess Challenge**

There will be regional finals later this term and in the spring term. Visit the [TCC website](https://www.englishchess.org.uk/NSCC/team-chess-challenge-3/) (U19) or the [JTCC website](https://www.englishchess.org.uk/NSCC/junior-team-chess-challenge-3/) (U13) for more details of this competition for teams of 4 players. If there is not an event near you then do consider offering to host one yourself.

**Team Problem Solving Challenge**

The competition which you can do in your own school. More information, and the first round problem sheet, can be found [here](https://www.englishchess.org.uk/NSCC/team-problem-solving/). Note that the closing date for the first round solutions is approaching fast - it is 31st October.

**British Chess Educational Trust Awards**

Congratulations to King Edward VI Grammar School, Chelmsford and Twickenham Prep School on winning BCET Awards in 2018. You can find a list of all previous winners (back to 1911) on the awards [webpage](https://www.englishchess.org.uk/awards/#bcet).