

# ECF NATIONAL SCHOOLS TEAM



## GIRLS' CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2023/24

It is a delight once again to sponsor and host the ECF's National Girls' Chess Championships: a unique and collegiate event. From its inception in 2014, this tournament has exceeded all expectations each year and is the most dynamic national chess competition for young female players. We look forward to welcoming schools from all over the country and warmly invite new participant schools to help celebrate this exceptional assembly of like-minded girls.

*Alice Phillips*

Mrs Alice Phillips - Headmistress, St Catherine's, Bramley - sponsoring School

## GIRLS' SEMI FINALS



**NORTH:** Nottingham High School - Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2023  
[www.nottinghamhigh.co.uk](http://www.nottinghamhigh.co.uk) *Organiser Edward Jones*



**SOUTH:** St Catherine's School Bramley - Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2024  
[www.stcatherines.info](http://www.stcatherines.info) *Organiser IM Andrew Martin*



**ONLINE:** TBA February 2024

Both over the board events will start at 10am and finish at approximately 5pm. Teams of three in U11 and U19 categories. All teams will play five rounds against other competing teams. The Swiss pairing system will be used. Players will have 20 minutes plus a 10 second increment on the chess clock.

For the first time we are trialling an online semi final in Feb for new teams and those who have not qualified by the over the board route. Details will be released as soon as we have them. 6 teams will qualify for the final from the southern semi, 2 from the northern semi and 2 online, enlarging the final to 10 teams.

The finals will be held over the weekend of 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at St Catherine's School. Overnight accommodation can be booked. The number of points scored will decide qualification and not individual match results.

### SCHEDULE FOR THE OVER THE BOARD SEMI-FINALS:

9.30 am Welcome	LUNCH
10am -11am ROUND 1	2.30pm - 3.30pm ROUND 4
11.15am-12.15pm ROUND 2	3.45pm - 4.45pm ROUND 5
12.30pm-1.30pm ROUND 3	5pm AWARDS

Enquiries may be made to the Girls' Tournament Director Andrew Martin :  
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St Catherine's Bramley - Girls' Schools' Association - is proud to be a sponsor of the ECF National Schools Team Chess Championships

