



PRESS RELEASE

'ECF National Girls Chess Championship Final' Held at St Catherine's School, Bramley Sunday 12th April 2015



The Final of the English Chess Federation Girls Championship was a fiercely competitive event and one that is attracting more and more girls each year. Numbers have almost doubled since 2014. Girls had travelled from as far as Newcastle to compete in this important and high profile National competition. 9 schools and 48 players took part in the final. This year the standards were raised to an extremely high level as there were 15 players taking part who have represented their country in junior international events.

Traci Whitfield, the ECF Junior Director attended the final said that it was 'An outstanding event'

Andrew Martin Tournament Director said, 'I am delighted to see numbers increasing in this event, overall up by about 50% from 2013/14'.

Zoe, part of the Under 11 St Catherine's team said, 'It is great to meet up again with girls who I have got to know over the last few years whilst taking part in this important competition. The anticipation and excitement could be felt, yet everyone was so friendly. It really was a memorable day. I was thrilled that our team has improved a lot over the last year which meant that this year we came away with a trophy and individual medals'.

After an extremely tight competition both the under 19s and under 11s winner from 2014 retained the title of Champions. Howell School's Under 11 team had a truly impressive 100% score - the team were outstanding in every way.

Results

U19

- 1st Nonsuch A 23 (14.8)
- 2nd Howell's Cardiff 20 (12.11)
- 3rd Fernwood A 15 (12.1)
- 4th St Paul's Girls School 12 (13.9)
- 5th The Abbey School Reading 11.5 (14.5)
- 6th RGS Newcastle 11.5 (13.4)
- 7th Nonsuch B 8.5 (13.7)
- 8th Fernwood B 8.5 (11.11)
- 9th St Edward's Leek 8 (13.2)

(As age-handicapping applied in this event, the first tie break went in favour of the older team, who had been handicapped most over the nine rounds)

U11

1st Howell's Cardiff A 18 (Representing a remarkable 100% score in both the semi-finals and final, 33/33.) This really is an outstanding team.

- 2nd Putney High 12
- 3rd St Catherine's, Bramley A 9
- 4th Howell's B 9
- 5th RGS Newcastle 8
- 6th St Edward's Leek 7
- 7th St Catherine's B 0

(Without age-handicapping, the first tie break was the individual match result between teams)

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