

**Midlands
Primary Schools
Chess Finals
2015**



Venue: Bridge Hotel, Tullamore, Co Offaly

**Report
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Midlands Chess Finals, 2015

The Midlands Chess Finals were held at the Bridge House Hotel, Tullamore, Co Offaly on Friday, 17-April-2015, between 10am and 2pm.

All players took part in one group and chess clocks were used on all boards.

The Tournament format was a Swiss tournament with individual scores being added up to give a team score. Players on the same team were not allowed play each other.

Four teams took part with Delvin NS coming first, St Echen's 2nd and St Brendan's 3rd. St Etchen's won the Girls event.

Results and photos are shown below.



The playing room – Millenium 2

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Team Standings

| Place | Name | Score | |
|-------|------------------|-------|------------------------------|
| 1 | DELVIN NS | 13.5 | ... Midlands Champions |
| 2 | ST ETCHENS-A | 10.5 | ... 2nd place |
| 3 | ST BRENDANS BIRR | 9.5 | ... 3rd place |
| 4 | ST ETCHENS-GIRLS | 6.5 | ... Midlands Girls Champions |

Individual Standings

1st Place: Niall Carolan - Midlands Champion
2nd place: Luke Leacy, on tie-break

Cross Table

| No | Name | School | Total | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
|----|----------------------|------------------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 1 | Carolan, Niall | Delvin NS | 5 | 15:W | 10:W | 2:W | 4:W | 9:W |
| 2 | Leacy, Luke | St Etchens-A | 3.5 | 8:W | 5:W | 1:L | 3:D | 6:W |
| 3 | Zarghoonsha, Atiqjan | St Brendans Birr | 3.5 | 12:W | 6:W | 4:L | 2:D | 5:W |
| 4 | Geraghty, Chloe | St Etchens-Girls | 3 | 11:W | 9:D | 3:W | 1:L | 10:D |
| 5 | Hunwick, Tadhg | Delvin NS | 3 | 14:W | 2:L | 9:W | 10:W | 3:L |
| 6 | Cully, Mark | Delvin NS | 3 | 13:W | 3:L | 15:W | 7:W | 2:L |
| 7 | Williams, Nathan | St Brendans Birr | 3 | 9:L | 11:W | 12:W | 6:L | 14:W |
| 8 | Ozelis, Edvinas | St Brendans Birr | 3 | 2:L | 14:W | 10:L | 13:W | 12:W |
| 9 | McManus, Naoise | St Etchens-A | 2.5 | 7:W | 4:D | 5:L | 14:W | 1:L |
| 10 | Adeniji, Basit | St Etchens-A | 2.5 | 16:W | 1:L | 8:W | 5:L | 4:D |
| 11 | Lawlor, Danny | Delvin NS | 2.5 | 4:L | 7:L | 13:D | 16:W | 15:W |
| 12 | Kiernan, Simon | St Etchens-A | 2 | 3:L | 13:W | 7:L | 15:W | 8:L |
| 13 | Scanlon, Anna | St Etchens-Girls | 1.5 | 6:L | 12:L | 11:D | 8:L | 16:W |
| 14 | Stack, Ava | St Etchens-Girls | 1 | 5:L | 8:L | 16:W | 9:L | 7:L |
| 15 | Coloe, Elisa | St Etchens-Girls | 1 | 1:L | 16:W | 6:L | 12:L | 11:L |
| 16 | Kelly, Pdraig | St Brendans Birr | 0 | 10:L | 15:L | 14:L | 11:L | 13:L |



Midlands Champions: St Delvins NS



Midlands 2nd: St Etchen's NS



Midlands 3rd place: St Brendan's, Birr



Midlands Girls Champions: St Etchen's NS



Individual Midlands winners

Summary:

The event ran off smoothly with no tie-break play-offs needed.

The low attendance remains a concern as does the future viability of the event. The year 2009 had over 100 attending.

Thanks to all for taking part and the hotel for a beautiful venue !.

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