

## **Wellingborough & East Northants School Sport Partnership**

Manor School Sports College is the host school for the Wellingborough & East Northants School Sport Partnership, one of five partnerships in the county and the base for the school sport manager. A school sport development officer also works two days a week, to support the delivery of the Sainsbury's School Games and our leadership, coaching and volunteering programme.

### **Sainsbury's School Games**

The Wellingborough & East Northants School Sport Partnership includes 54 primary schools and 9 secondary schools. The partnership manages the Sainsbury's School Games at district level with over 30 primary and 30 secondary school games competitions delivered each year. The programme includes year round Project Ability competitions for SEND pupils led by host school Friars Academy in Wellingborough. New for 2014-15 we have introduced inclusive format competitions, which bring together SEND pupils alongside non-SEND pupils in the same team.

Qualifying teams represent the partnership at the County Summer School Games in July and Winter School Games in February. Team Wellingborough and East Northants included 31 school teams across 18 different sports at the Summer School Games in July 2014, held at Moulton College. School games competitions take place almost every week, with fantastic support from young leaders, school sport co-ordinators, community sports clubs and teachers across the district.

For 2013/14, 21 Schools across Wellingborough and East Northants achieved the Sainsbury's School Games Mark which rewards schools for their development of competition, school sport and physical education. We currently have the highest number of schools in the county that achieved the gold award: Park Junior School, Friars Academy, Irchester Community Primary and Yardley Hastings Primary School.

### **School sport co-ordinators**

Support and training is provided to the team of school sport co-ordinators (SSCOs) working across the primary school clusters: Manor, Huxlow, Higham Ferrers, Wollaston, Wrenn, Sir Christopher Hatton, Weavers and Friars. The SSCOs are released from their secondary schools to work with PE co-ordinators to develop high quality teaching of PE and ensure school sport is embedded across our primary schools. This role is now financed by the PE & school sport premium paid directly to primary schools each year.

### **Training and development**

Our professional development and training programme for teachers is developed in partnership with Northamptonshire Sport. This now includes an annual PE conference - this year it was held in October and focussed on the primary sector with the theme 'developing an inclusive approach to physical education, school sport and physical activity for every child'.

Training workshops are provided to assist teaching staff develop teams for the Sainsbury's School Games in sports ranging from gymnastics and cycling to quicksticks hockey, and to set up primary Change4Life clubs to engage less active pupils.

### **Leadership, coaching and volunteering**

The School Sport Partnership works closely with Manor School, as the lead school for leadership, coaching and volunteering in the county, and Northamptonshire Sport in the development of young coaches and leaders. A county Young Coaches Conference takes place twice a year with a range of guest speakers and workshops. This is always well attended by students from Manor School, in addition to the opportunity to receive coaching and officiating scholarships for young leaders across the partnership.

For more information please visit: <http://www.northamptonshiresport.org/wellingborough-and-east-northant>

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