



NORTHUMBERLAND SCHOOL GAMES

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We are pleased to announce that the
2014 Northumberland School Games will take place on

25TH & 26TH JUNE

@ Sporting Club Cramlington & Concordia Leisure Centre
Please add these dates to your school calendar

WHAT TO EXPECT FROM THE 2014 NORTHUMBERLAND SCHOOL GAMES

This year, there will be one, two day event which combines the Winter, Summer and Para Games. We are extremely happy to be working in partnership with **ACTIVE NORTHUMBERLAND**, and have use of the full range of amazing sports facilities at both Concordia Leisure Centre and Sporting Club Cramlington over the two days.

Events included this year are:

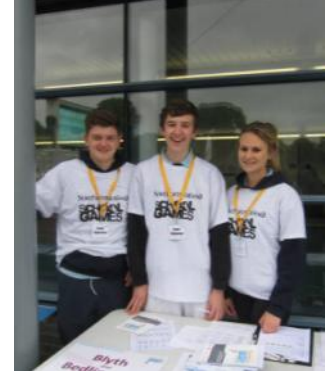
FOOTBALL	Y4 Mixed, Y5 Boys, Y5/6 Girls, Y7 Boys, Y7/8 Girls, Y10 Boys.
HANDBALL	Y8 Mixed.
HOCKEY	Y5 Mixed, Y6 Mixed.
NETBALL	Y6 Mixed, Y8 Girls.
RUGBY UNION	Y3/4 Mixed, Y5/6 Mixed, Y8 Girls.
GYMNASTICS	Y3/4 Mixed.
TRAMPOLINE	Y9/10 Boys, Y9/10 Girls.
VOLLEYBALL	Y7/8 Boys, Y7/8 Girls.
TIF-GOLF	Y3/4 Mixed.
ROUNDERS	Y9 Girls, Y10 Girls.
ATHLETICS	Y3/4 Mixed, Y5/6 Mixed.
TENNIS	Y4 Mixed
BASKETBALL	Y8 Boys, Y9 Boys.
INCLUSION TABLE TENNIS	OPEN AGE GROUP
INCLUSION CRICKET	OPEN AGE GROUP
INCLUSION VOLLEYBALL	OPEN AGE GROUP
INCLUSION BOCCIA	OPEN AGE GROUP
INCLUSION SWIMMING	OPEN AGE GROUP

Schools will once again qualify to represent their area at the Northumberland School Games (level 3 festival), by winning local level 2 events. Your **SCHOOL GAMES ORGANISER** will be arranging a calendar of qualifying events for schools to participate in, please contact them for more information if you are unsure about these competitions. Qualifying events will take place across the whole school year.

The timetable of events i.e. which events will take place on day 1 and which will take place on day 2 of the Northumberland School Games will be confirmed before half term. This is important as it means for the first time some schools can have the same year group represented in 2 sports. Please make your School Games Organiser aware if you are entering a team in a Level 2 event, and this team has already qualified to represent your area in another sport.

The days will be slightly shorter than previous School Games, but with the reduction in travel time between competition venues, there will still be lots of time for **ACTIVE COMPETITION**. There will of course also be the **CULTURAL COMPONENT** that the Northumberland School Games are now nationally renowned for, and we will be seeking involvement from schools in this in the coming weeks.

NORTHUMBERLAND SCHOOL SUMMER GAMES 2013



The Northumberland School Summer Games saw over 1000 young people from across the County competing for the honour of becoming **COUNTY CHAMPIONS** in a range of sports. Wentworth Leisure Centre hosted the memorable event, which captured a fantastic spirit, where the competitors demonstrated great team work, determination and passion to succeed.

All of the participants were representing the six local areas of Northumberland, which made for a great spectacle in their different coloured t shirts. Results from each competition, which took place across venues in Tynedale including Stocksfield Cricket Club, Tynedale Rugby Club, Close House Golf Club, and Queen Elizabeth High School were collated and the overall winners were **NORTH NORTHUMBERLAND**.

Avril Lomas, Head Teacher at Rock Hall School in Alnwick said: "It was a wonderful event, brilliantly organised, and we were very proud to be taking part, even more so when North Northumberland won! It has been great for the children to take part in all the stages of the different sports so thank you very much for all your hard work and including us. I hope it goes from strength to strength."

Special guests on the day included the Chief Executive of the Youth Sport Trust **JOHN STEELE**, Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Northumberland, **ANDREW COLLIER**, Team GB Wheelchair fencer **GEMMA COLLIS** and Sporting Champion **CHRIS MACDERMOTT**, who represented Team GB in Handball at the London 2012 Games.

John Steele said: "The Sainsbury's School Games present a unique opportunity to motivate and inspire millions of young people across the country to take part in more competitive school sport. As we can see from today's fantastic event in Hexham, the School Games also provides further opportunities for young people to step into leadership roles whether through coaching, officiating, reporting or performing."

The School Games is about creating a positive and rewarding experience for all and bringing together **SPORT**, **EDUCATION** and **CULTURE**. It was fantastic that so many young people could enjoy this level of competition. The addition of a giant screen helped to create a real festival atmosphere, especially during the opening and closing ceremonies and proved extremely popular with the children throughout the day. The School Games area mascots were once again there to support teams and proved to be huge hit, really adding to the occasion.

This event was the culmination of a lot of hard work and dedication from young people across Northumberland, each of whom had competed in two levels of local competition to reach these finals. It was also the result of months of hard work from each of the county's School Games Organisers, Northumberland Sport, NCL, and National Governing Bodies of Sport to plan and deliver the event.

Huge thanks go out to all of the pupils involved, and the **MANY VOLUNTEERS** without whom the School Games would not be possible.



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5 TIME PARALYMPIC MEDAL WINNER AT NORTHUMBERLAND SCHOOL PARA GAMES



One of Britain's most successful Paralympians **STEPHEN MILLER**, was on hand to inspire participants at the 2013 Northumberland School Para Games Festival, which was held at Wentworth Leisure Centre, Hexham. Schools from across the county were represented including Hexham Priory School, Collingwood School in Morpeth, the Grove School In Berwick, Ashington High School and Northumberland Church of England Academy. Young participants with a range of disabilities demonstrated enthusiasm, determination and a great deal of skill to succeed in sports including, athletics, volleyball, swimming and boccia.

The Sainsbury's School Games are designed to build upon the magic of **LONDON 2012**, by providing every school and child across years 3 to 13 the opportunity to participate in competitive sport including meaningful opportunities for children with disabilities.

Sporting Champion Stephen Miller said: "It was fantastic to see so many children with disabilities from across Northumberland enjoying sporting competitions and showing a high level of performance in their efforts to become **COUNTY CHAMPIONS**. I hope this festival can therefore be used as a spring board for these young people to play more sport and perhaps go on to compete at the highest level".

The day was a huge success and it was great to have Steven share his Paralympic experiences, as he is a real icon in Northumberland. Once again the success of the day was largely due to **YOUNG EVENT VOLUNTEERS**, which for this event came from Duchess High School and Ashington High.

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SCHOOLS REPRESENTATION NEEDED

The **LOCAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE** (LOC) is responsible for staging the Level 3 County Festival. They have a remit for ensuring that schools are engaged with the School Games and that there is a clear competition pathway from Level 1 (intra school) competition through to Level 2 (inter school) and Level 3.

The LOC also want to have a role in ensuring that PE and sport are at the **HEART OF SCHOOL** life, and that all pupils in Northumberland have access to high quality opportunities in PE and Sport.

It is essential that the **VIEWS OF SCHOOLS** are represented on the LOC, with this in mind, we invite head teachers, school governors, heads of PE or PE co-ordinators to join the group.

Please contact John Whittle (LOC Chair) if you are interested in this opportunity -
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WALL OF FAME – SUMMER GAMES WINNERS

Y3/4 Athletics - **BLYTH & BEDLINGTON** - St Bede's RC Primary School
Y3/4 Tri Golf - **BLYTH & BEDLINGTON** - Croftway Primary School
Y3/4 Tag Rugby - **TYNEDALE** - Sele First School
Y4 Tennis - **BLYTH & BEDLINGTON** - Bede Academy
Y5 Hockey - **NORTH NORTHUMBERLAND** - Berwick Middle School
Y5 Swimming - **NORTH NORTHUMBERLAND** - Lindisfarne Middle School
Y5/6 Athletics - **TYNEDALE** - Combined Area Team
Y6 Hockey - **MORPETH & PONTELAND** - Ponteland Middle School
Y7/8 Girls' Cricket - **TYNEDALE** - Corbridge Middle School
Y7/8 Boys' Cricket - **NORTH NORTHUMBERLAND** - Lindisfarne Middle School
Y7/8 Golf - **CRAMLINGTON & SEATON VALLEY** - Seaton Sluice Middle School
Y7/8 Girls' Volleyball - **NORTH NORTHUMBERLAND** - Seahouses Middle School
Y7/8 Boys' Volleyball - **MORPETH & PONTELAND** - Ponteland Middle School
Y9 Rounders - **MORPETH & PONTELAND** - Ponteland High School
Y9 Tennis - **CRAMLINGTON & SEATON VALLEY** - Cramlington Learning Village
Y10 Rounders - **NORTH NORTHUMBERLAND** - Duchess High School
Y10 Rugby - **MORPETH & PONTELAND** - King Edward VI High School

CONGRATULATIONS!

SCHOOL GAMES KITEMARK – DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS 27TH SEPTEMBER

The Sainsbury's School Games Kitemark application process for the 2012/13 academic year is still live on www.yourschoolgames.com, but only until September 27th. The Sainsbury's School Games Kitemark is a Government led awards scheme launched in 2012 to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community. Schools are able to assess themselves across **BRONZE**, **SILVER** and **GOLD** levels of the Kitemark, the application process is simple and takes only a few minutes to complete online.

To qualify for the Kitemark, schools must provide at least **2 HOURS OF CURRICULUM PE** each week for all pupils; be registered on the School Games Website; held a **SCHOOL GAMES DAY** (sports day); have a **NOTICE BOARD** which promotes School Games activities; and have a **CALENDAR OF COMPETITIONS** which also includes opportunities for young disabled people to participate. Schools must also have a system in place to track pupils' participation in the School Games and opportunities which attract the least active young people to participate in **PHYSICAL ACTIVITY**.

In addition to these pre-requisites, schools are judged on the number of competitions entered; the percentage of pupils taking on leadership roles; the extra curricular sporting activity offered; links to community clubs; use of sports coaches; and how PE and sport is featured on the School website. Several Northumberland School have already successfully completed the application process and been awarded the 2012/13 Kitemark.

GOLD – TWEEDMOUTH WEST FIRST SCHOOL

SILVER – CHOLLERTON FIRST SCHOOL

SILVER – SEAHOUSES MIDDLE SCHOOL

SILVER – GLENDALE MIDDLE SCHOOL

BRONZE – NEW HARTLEY FIRST SCHOOL

BRONZE – SEATON SLUICE MIDDLE SCHOOL

BRONZE – OVVINGHAM MIDDLE SCHOOL

BRONZE – HIRST PARK MIDDLE SCHOOL

BRONZE – ST BENET BISCOP RC HIGH SCHOOL

BRONZE – NORTHUMBERLAND CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY

BRONZE – ASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL



If you would like help completing the application please contact your School Games Organiser. The full criteria are available on the School Games Website. If you have not qualified this year, please contact your School Games Organiser to discuss working towards the criteria in this academic year.