

Uttoxeter Sports Partnership September 2014 – July 2015

The past academic year has been a year of transition for the Uttoxeter Sports Partnership, primarily staffing changes and curriculum pressures have made it at times difficult for all schools to access the sporting opportunities.

However, by the end of the academic year we will have delivered 21 Uttoxeter competitions, 3 festivals including the key stage 1 multi skills, year 3 & 4 team games and a change4life festival. PE Coordinators have also accessed termly PE network meetings and 2 CPD sessions. Schools have also accessed additional competitions organised by the sports partnership at St George's Park and at schools in Burton upon Trent.

To support schools and staff we have added additional competitions at their request to help increase the number of children who can take part in schools events. We have also put on new events including Boccia, rounders and quicksticks hockey. Whilst the focus has been Year's 3, 4, 5 & 6 (where the sports funding is prioritised for), additional support has provided opportunities for year's 1 & 2, 7 & 8 and for leadership in years 9 upwards.

The CPD on offer has included gymnastics and dance and a session on 'what makes an outstanding PE lesson'. Whilst numbers have been lower than we would have hoped, those who have attended have seen great value in the courses.

Staffs have attended termly PE network meetings at St Georges Park. These sessions have been open to staff from Uttoxeter and Burton teachers and provide not only the network opportunity but CPD and workshops on assessment, positive play, national initiatives and curriculum content.

Young leader training, support to school sport organising crews (sports councils), curriculum delivery and the coordination of extracurricular provision has also been provided and accessed by schools. We have also provided competition reports, blogging on the school games website and support with school action planning.

I am delighted that all schools within the partnership will be in a position this year to maintain or enhance their Sainsbury's School Games Mark and we will be completing these individually with the schools when the application window opens on 3 June 2015.

Termly Uttoxeter PE network meetings have also taken place including representatives from the First, Middle and High School. These have built on the discussions around the common curriculum that was discussed last academic year.

At the last meeting, the discussion focussed around the common assessment process being used in Uttoxeter and a discussion was held around the statements to be used for PE assessment. It was proposed that a joint meeting be held to agree and write common statements that were consistent across the pyramid and showed progression from First School, to Middle School through to High School. Friday 12 June was proposed as a possible date and we would like all schools to release their PE Coordinator for the afternoon if possible to enable the meeting to be held. Please can you confirm if your school can be in attendance.

Plans for 2015-16

Schools still have access to the Sports Premium funding for the next financial year. Cross party support has been provided to maintain the level of funding into PE and school sport until 2020,

however this may be dependent upon the outcome of the election. The funding remains at the same level as this year, £8000 plus £5 per pupil with 7/12's being allocated within this financial year's

Currently, each school (excluding TAHS who do not have any allocated funding and Tynsel Parkes who are not in the partnership) have contributed £1325 per annum to enable the support and activities to be provided. It is our intention to offer the level of support for 2015 -2016 at the same level of funding. Should schools not wish to remain in the partnership they will be able to enter the competitions for a fee per team or as a per pupil fee at the festivals.

Should schools require individual support or alternative provision to the activities on offer we are happy to discuss this individually.

Please can you confirm whether your school wishes to be involved in the partnership next year.

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