



Southern Warwickshire School Sport Partnership

The Future of School Sport / Announcements from the Comprehensive Spending Review:

Since the announcements from the comprehensive spending review, school sport has seen a huge amount of press coverage and publicity at the highest level. The initial announcements focused on the removal of school sport partnerships and the national school sport strategy, giving headteachers freedom to decide what takes place within each school. Due to the huge public and press backlash, the Department for Education announced it would look again at this decision. A partial u-turn was announced on Monday 20th December as reduced funds will be invested annually over the next two years to assist in the delivery of a more competitive sports programme in all schools. This includes;

- The Department will pay school sport partnerships for the full school year to the end of the summer term 2011 at a cost of £47 million. This will ensure the partnerships and their service can continue until the end of the academic year.
- A further £65 million from the Department's spending review settlement will be paid to enable every secondary school to release one PE teacher for a day a week in the school year 2011/12 and in 2012/13. This will ensure all the benefits of the current system are fully embedded.

The government will also;

- revise the PE curriculum in our curriculum review to place a new emphasis on competitive sports.
- invite Dame Kelly Holmes to lead a network of sporting advocates to work with her in promoting school sport around the country and to encourage more young people to participate in sport
- work through Sport England with the national governing bodies of individual sports to get more volunteer sports leaders and coaches into our schools to encourage wider participation
- fund the Youth Sport Trust to expand the Young Ambassadors programmes that every secondary school, and some primary schools too, can appoint ambassadors in the run up to London 2012.

From September 2011, there will be only centralised funding for one day a week per secondary school for a competition organiser within each cluster. All other aspects of the school sport partnership will be removed – this includes funding for partnership development managers, PLT funding, competition manager funding & FE sports co-ordinators. The main focus for the remainder of the academic year will be to make as many opportunities as sustainable as possible.

Warwickshire School Sports Awards

The annual Warwickshire School Sports Awards took place at Ricoh Arena in Coventry on 25th November and I am delighted to say that there were many winners from Southern Warwickshire. A list of some of the winners from Southern Warwickshire are below, for a full list of winners then please visit the partnership website.

Primary Female Sports Person of the Year:

Winner: Megan Bignell, The Dassett Primary School – British Equestrian Vaulting Champion.

School / Club Link Award:

Winner: Stratford High School & Stratford Athletics Club – Development of athletics within the cluster schools.

Services to School Sport:

Winner: Denise Savory, Kineton Primary School – Development of primary sport across the Kineton cluster area.

Winner: Martin Strangwood, Thomas Jolyffe Primary School – 25 years of involvement of South Warwickshire school sport.

Student Leadership & Volunteering:

Winner: Grace Clayton, Stratford Girls Grammar School – Regular volunteer in secondary and primary school activities.

Female Sports Person of the Year (16-19):

Winner: Camilla Hadland, Stratford High School – U18 World Champion Rower.

Congratulations go to all winners, some images can be seen of the award winners at the top of the page, images are courtesy of Sally Evans photography.

Primary Rowing Leagues - Details on results and league news:

Following the excellent Yr 5/6 competitions last year, there are now three local competitions taking place termly at Kineton High School, Stratford Girls Grammar School & in Alcester. Currently, 40 teams are entered into the National competition and already after two races there are schools from Southern Warwickshire within the top 20. Information on league tables will soon be on the SSP website after rounds 3&4 have taken place in late November.

CSW Coach Bursary Scheme Latest Dates:

The bursary scheme aims to increase the number of qualified coaches and therefore increase the capacity within sports clubs or organisations to deliver sport in Coventry, Solihull and Warwickshire. Applications must be made before the applicant starts the coaching course, as grants cannot be awarded retrospectively. A new application form and guidance for applying will be available in early December 2010.

The dates for the 2011 scheme are:

Round 1:
3rd January - 4th February 2011

Round 2:
4th April - 13th May 2011

Round 3:
27th June - 29th July 2011

For further information please see:
<http://www.cswsport.org.uk/>
[CoachBursaryScheme](#)

PDM Update:

The last term was definitely a rollercoaster ride as rumours and announcements were made over the future of school sport nationally. Thank you to those who spent time raising the profile of school sport and outline all of the fantastic work that is undertaken at a local and national level.

The Department for Education initially announced that all funding for school sport would be removed, this was met by a huge protest which forced a re-think. Announcements were made before Christmas to partially continue funding for the next two years. Funding will be in place only for a staff member one day a week in a secondary school to co-ordinate competitive sport for the secondary school and cluster primary schools. All other posts and funding which currently exists will cease. For the rest of this academic year, the school sport partnership will continue to operate and provide opportunities for young people as normal. The major focus will now be to embed as many aspects of partnership working within schools and sustain as many of the activities which currently exist. Potentially, there could still be further changes to this and we await further information about the new P.E. curriculum, new volunteering schemes and young ambassador projects. Please make sure you visit the partnership website to find out all the latest details.

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Young Ambassadors Update:

The Southern Warwickshire SSP has launched a Young Ambassador scheme. This is organised in conjunction with the Youth Sport Trust to deliver The Olympic values of Respect, Excellence and Friendship along with The Paralympics values of Determination, Courage, Inspiration and Equality.

The Young Ambassadors, selected from secondary schools within the SSP will take a lead on delivering these key values in schools. Other responsibilities of this position include working directly with schools to jointly manage and promote opportunities and provision based around participation in sport. As part of the scheme, there is 1 Platinum and there are 2 Gold YA's who will act as a lead on the programme.



These 3 YA's have shown exceptional sporting or leadership qualities along with demonstrating the key values of the YA scheme. Along with this, there will be 2 adiStar Ambassadors based in each secondary school. The role of the adiStar is to develop sporting opportunities for young people within their school, cluster primaries and local communities, again based around the values of The Olympics.

If you would like to find out more about the Young Ambassador scheme or would like to include them in some of your school based events, please contact your SSCo.

SWSSP Platinum Ambassador

Camilla Hadland, Stratford High

SWSSP Gold Ambassadors

Sarah Davies (Kineton High)

Ashleigh Lloyd (Henley High)

Adistar details will be available from your local SSCo.

Young Ambassador wins Rowing World Championship!!

Junior rower Camilla Hadland has returned to Stratford a world champion. The jubilant teenager is still in a state of shock after storming through the World Junior Championships to take her place on the podium as part of the women's 8 crew. 'Being the first ever girls to win the world championships for GB was incredible too, making history for rowing in this country and making a big step up for junior girl's rowing in this country'. Camilla will now start her preparations for the Under 23 championships, many congratulations!



Key dates for next term:

Thursday 6th January

SSCo Team Meeting

King Edward VI School

13:30 – 15:30

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Southern Warwickshire P.E. Meeting (Secondary)

King Edward VI School

16:15

Thursday 13th January

Primary PLT Meeting

N.F.U. Sports Ground

09:30 – 15:00

Friday 14th January

Stratford Sports Awards

Holiday Inn, Stratford

Times TBC

Saturday 22nd January

Warwickshire Cross County Champs (Secondary)

Venue TBC

Times TBC

Monday 7th February

Yr 7/8 Girls Sportshall Athletics

Stratford Leisure Centre

15:30 – 17:45

Tuesday 8th February

Yr 7/8 Boys Sportshall Athletics

Stratford Leisure Centre

15:30 – 17:45

Thursday 3rd March

SSCo Team Meeting

Alcester Grammar School

09:00 – 12:00

Thursday 24th March

Special Schools Indoor Rowing Champs (KS2)

Welcombe Hills School

10:00 – 12:00

Thursday 31st March

Primary Sportshall Athletics Finals

Stratford Leisure Centre

09:30 – 12:00 (small)

12:30 – 15:00 (large)