

English Schools Athletics Update

On the weekend of the 9 July two young athletes from South Gloucestershire who have regularly attended our development squads won medals at the English Schools Championships.

Jade Ellans from Oldfield School (formerly from Our Lady of Lourdes) won silver in the junior girls long jump with a distance of 5.55 metres.



Tony Hillier from the Grange School won the Gold Medal for the Pole Vault with a height of 3.80 metres some 30 cm clear of the rest of the field.

A number of other athletes who have come through our development squad also attended the event and with the London Olympics 7 years away who knows...

It is great to see children who attended sportshall festivals as primary school children competing at the highest levels nationally. Tony and Jade both started at the Grange School festival as ten year olds back in 2001.

In November we will hold our next set of festival to recruit new primary children at venues across South Gloucestershire PE Co-ordinators will get details early next year.

Community Coaches

Our team of coaches are now well and truly established and have been out in the community and schools for the last few months. We also had a great response to using our coaches in September to cover PPA time.

We have been able to satisfy 25 primary schools. We will be monitoring the scheme closely over the coming months and any feedback will be most welcome.

Although our team is highly stretched we still have a few mornings and after school slots available and we have other sports specific coaches who we can call on for enrichment work, so please get in touch and we will do our best to meet your requirements.

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