



## Call for more schools to take part in School Games

Fresh calls are being made for more schools in Birmingham to take part in sports competitions following the success of the Winter School Games.

The festival on Thursday February 7 saw more than 900 secondary school children, from 54 schools across the city, take part in the Sainsbury's Winter Secondary School Games which was held at the National Indoor Arena, Futsal Arena and other venues in Birmingham.

Schools were given the opportunity to go head to head with their competitors in eight different sporting disciplines.

Chair of Local Organising Committee, for the Birmingham School Games, Glynis Jones, said she was delighted to see so many school children embracing competitive sport at the event.

She said: "The atmosphere at the Winter School Games was magnificent.

It was clear to see on the day that young people with varied levels of physical abilities enjoyed coming together to take part in sporting competitions with their counterparts from schools across the city.

People often ask how can we can achieve a legacy from the Olympic and Paralympic Games, and in my mind I have no doubt that this is being achieved through the Sainsbury's School Games."

Students were given the opportunity to compete in a wide range of sporting competitions ranging from table tennis to basketball.

Jenny Tipping from Wilson Stuart School is the Wilson Stuart Active Society Director and School Games Organiser for the Sutton Coldfield area.

Around 90 per cent of the schools from Sutton Coldfield take part in the Sainsbury's School Games.

Ms Tipping is encouraging other schools to take part in the programme.

She said: "School Games is getting bigger and bigger, the programme is now in its second year and it is replacing the old structures that were there within school sport.

I think because of the range of sports we have within the Sainsbury's School Games it gives schools a chance to take part in sports that perhaps their pupils don't traditionally participate in.

Taking part in the Sainsbury's School Games is a great experience for them. It gives young people a chance to compete at a slightly higher level and it obviously develops their self-confidence and sense of pride and achievement for their school."

ENDS

Notes to editors:

The Birmingham School Games is part of the wider School Games National Programme funded by Sport England and sponsored by Sainsbury's.

The Sainsbury's School Games forms part of the Coalition Government's school sport priorities; aiming to build on the excitement and the energy of the London 2012 Games to inspire and motivate young people to take part in, and enjoy, competitive school sport - whatever their ability or background.

The Games are made up of four levels of activity: competition in schools, between schools, at county/area level and a national finals event.

- Level 1: sporting competition for all students in school through intra-school competition.
- Level 2: individuals and teams are selected to represent their schools in local inter-school competitions

- Level 3 – the county/area will stage multi-sport School Games festivals as a culmination of year-round school sport competition
- Level 4 – the School Games finals: a national multi-sport event where the most talented young people in the UK will be selected to compete in our sporting venues (including the Olympic Park in 2012).

Schools that took part in School Games are:

Kings Norton Boys  
Bishop Challoner  
Baverstock  
Hall Green  
King Edward Camp Hill Boys  
King Edward Camp Hill Girls  
Queensbridge  
Hodge Hill Sports College  
Small Heath Secondary  
Calthorpe School  
Hodge Hill Girls School  
St Albans  
Turves Green Girls School  
Bartley Green School Specialist Technology and Sports College  
Frankley High School  
Colmers School  
Yardleys  
Golden Hillock  
Holy Trinity  
Bordesley Green Girls School  
Waverley School  
Hamstead Hall  
George Dixon  
St John Wall  
St Pauls Girls  
Holyhead School  
Holte School  
Aston Manor  
King Edwards Aston VI  
King Edward Handsworth  
Heartlands Academy  
Holte  
St Edmund Campion  
Great Barr  
Perry Beeches Academy  
Stockland Green  
Kingsbury School  
Bournville School  
Shenley Academy  
King Edwards High School for Girls  
Lordswood  
Hillcrest  
Cockshut Hill  
King Edwards Sheldon Heath  
Archbishop Ilsley  
International School  
Bishop Vesey  
John Wilmott  
Arthur Terry  
Wilson Stuart  
Bishop Walsh  
Fairfax  
Plantsbrook  
Sutton Girls

**Donna Roddy, Citydesk Sport, on behalf of Birmingham's Winter School Games.**

The Fireworks, 3-6 The Old Fire Station, 68 Albion Street, Birmingham B1 3EA

**office** 0121 710 4482

**direct** 00 44 121 710 4482

**web** [www.citydesksport.com](http://www.citydesksport.com)

Social Media putting your brand at risk? [www.crowdcontrolhq.com](http://www.crowdcontrolhq.com)

Information contained in this email or any attachment may be of a confidential nature, which should not be disclosed to, copied or used by anyone other than the addressee. If you receive this email in error, please notify the sender immediately and delete the email from your computer. Virus Warning: Although this email and any attachment are believed to be free from viruses, it is the responsibility of the recipient to ensure that they are virus free. No responsibility is accepted by Citydesk Ltd. for any loss or damage arising in any way from their receipt, opening or use. Citydesk Ltd. Registered in England & Wales Company Number 06579988 Registered