

The Staffordshire & Stoke-on-Trent Sainsbury's School Games

So what are the School Games?

The 'School Games' is a celebration of competitive sport for pupils that provides opportunities for all young people regardless of their experience, talent or ability, and is split into four distinct but integrated levels.



The Preparation

The preparation that goes into an event this big is extraordinary. They have actually been planning this event for about 12 months because this is the county final. To get here the teams must go through 2 other levels, the winners from each section go through to the next round/level.

These are the third 'School Games' that have been hosted at Keele University. But to organise an event of this size, several meetings were necessary to notify the ground keepers and to book some outside companies.

The Opening Ceremony

The opening ceremony was very exciting! There were cheer leaders from 'University Academy Kidsgrove', a samba band from 'Excel Academy' and then Roxy Keshavarz officially opened the games.

After that Chantelle and Roxy gave a girl called Millie a certificate for designing a sticker that is used to celebrate the event. She won the competition out of the whole county.



Chantelle and Roxy giving Millie the award.



The samba band from Excel Academy.



*Nick Vernon LOC Chair
Introducing 'The Games'*

‘These games are a great chance for young people to exercise and interact. And they get a chance to compete.’

- *The Mayor of Newcastle.*



Roxy teaching young people how to play squash.

Chantelle Cameron
(GB Boxer)

Chantelle came to support the games. She said:

‘At the moment I am training 6 times a week, 3 times a day.’

‘My advice to young athletes would be to just keep going, there will be ups and downs but just keep persevering.’

Roxy Keshavarz
(GB Squash)

Roxy came to support the games. She said:

‘Once I was off for a month because I injured my back, but I didn’t give up.’

‘Motivation is key when training. Just don’t give up.’

Staffordshire’s Shining Light

Matt Power was awarded this year’s ‘Shining Light 2014’ award. He was given his award by John Finney at the ‘School Games’.

