



Staffordshire and Stoke- on-Trent School Games!

The summer School Games Level 3 Festival started with an interview with Craig Heap, he told us how important it is for young people to be involved in sports because it develops personal skills outside of school. He also did a handstand lasting 27 seconds for tomorrow's #national handstand day on the 25th June. He was assisting a group warm up to get everyone ready for the day's activities. We managed to catch up with Mr Roberts, a PE teacher, from Ormiston Horizon Academy he said that he is really excited to be attending such a great event today, he mentioned that his school rounder team (Year 10 boys) have a good chance of winning because they "qualified well" and that "they train really well during lessons and after school." One of the year 10 students from Ormiston Horizon Academy said that today was such an amazing experience, making new friends and competing. He mentioned that he had high aspirations, but unfortunately not all of his team mates took this on board.



We were lucky enough to grab some time with athletes from the Talented Inspiration Programme (TIP) and ask them some questions.

Q) How do you balance your sport and academic life?

A) It's hard, you have to fit everything in, I only get one day off so I fit all of my school work in then.

Q) How important do you think it is to have parental support?

A) Without our parents we wouldn't really be able to attend our sessions because we don't have the funds to do so ourselves, so parental support is a huge part of it.

Q) Final question, what advice would you give to younger athletes aspiring to be like you?

A) Try every sport possible, eventually you will find which sport you're good at, just keep trying.

Schools eagerly anticipated the calling of the results as schools were read out one by one. Children collected their well-deserved medals and then for each event. A HUGE roar erupted upon the announcement of the winners, today was a magnificent display of a community of sport coming together from many different backgrounds to compete in the sports we all love. If children take one thing away from this experience it would be Craig Heap's motto *'Dare to dream'*.



Year 9 Volleyball – 3rd Place Ormiston Horizon Academy (North Stoke)

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