



Barnet School

Sports Partnerships

Recipe for Success

Partnership Name: Barnet Central Partnership

School Name: St Michael's Catholic Grammar

Project Title: Inter-form competitions

PDP Outcome:

The Challenge

What did you want to do? (What problem did you want to address?)

The aim was to increase the participation of students in Inter school activities. By planning these activities and sports, we are hoping to not only raise the participation of the girls, but also to raise the PE & SS Co profile within the school. Also to utilise the JSLA students to assist and organise events.

We decided to target both key stages, but particularly KS3 (our KS4 are currently involved in lunch time study groups).

We wanted to ultimately involve every student in the school in some way.

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Meeting the Challenge

What did you do? (How did you do it? What strategies have you used?)

Our school is running the JSLA course for the entire Yr 11 group, so that means 96 students. We divided the girls into 12 groups of 8. In our JSLA lessons, we have spent time on tournaments, how they are run & organised and tried to look at every aspect that is needed to look at.

The girls, in the groups, then organised everything. They had to come to myself with a clear date, year group that they were targeting and certain sport. This way I ensured that there was no overlapping for both year groups and activities.

The girls created a checklist of things that HAD to be done before the event took place. They all then went from this to organise individual events.

They covered everything from checking school diaries, booking the facilities, organising and reserving equipment, advertising in form rooms, speaking at assemblies, preparing draws for the event, umpires, refreshments, certificates – they thought of everything.

All Yr 11 students were engaged in the organisation / set up phase and between the 12 groups, we managed to have 90% of KS3 and 65% of Yr 10 involved.

Impact

What difference has this made? (What differences are you seeing in young people e.g. attitude, behaviour, achievement and attainment? What evidence do you have?)

"It is fantastic to see nearly an entire year group out participating in a football tournament that was organised by the older girls..."

"Those Yr 11's have really taken to that sports leadership, haven't they....they are doing a wonderful job getting the KS3 girls out and active..."

I can say that I have seen and heard an overall improvement in the KS3 attitude towards PE. Due to their significant involvement in the inter-form competitions, their attitude has improved out of sight. We don't often have behavioural problems / issues, but in the end it would limit any lunch time incidents that may have occurred as a result of being indoors with nothing to do.

Now all the girls in KS3 want more and more things to be organised & the Yr 11 JSLA students are willing and happy to do it.

Why did it work? (What were the critical factors which made this work for you?)

Our Yr 11 students were willing to put in the time and effort that was necessary for this to take off. Without that, things wouldn't have run as smoothly as they did.

Our students are usually willing to participate in anything that is organised for them & with their competitive natures it went off really well.
