

BPSS Secondary Newsletter October 2023



WELCOME

...to the October BPSS newsletter, this months newsletter includes the latest news from BPSS and our partner updates and opportunities.

We held our Heads of Department meeting at QEG's school at the end of September. Those who attended had thought provoking discussions around concept curriculum. The next meeting will take place in January.

BPSS delivered SEND training to school staff across the borough. Attendees learnt how to play Boccia, New Age Kurling and Sitting Volleyball.

Our first SEND event took place on Friday 13th October. SEND students had the opportunity to attend the Panathlon Ten Pin Bowling competition at Hollywood Bowl, Finchley. A huge amount of fun was had by everyone involved, and many medals and certificates were distributed across the 37 teams who attended.

It was great to see the 13 schools who compete at the cross country event at Copthall Playing Fields. Athletes showed determination to complete the course. Well done to those athletes who competed in particular those who have been selected to represent Barnet at the London Youth Games competition.

The next cross country event will be taking place on 7th December, this will be an opportunity for athletes to compete at the Middlesex Schools Cross Country Championships.

After the half term break we have three SEND events, Boccia, Panathlon Xtd and Barnet Bar No One.

Later in November there is Year 7 and Year 8 sports hall athletics taking place at Ashmole Academy. This is a pathway event, the winners will progress to represent Barnet at the London School Games in February.

The U14 and U16 Girls basketball tournaments will be taking place at the end of November and beginning of December.

If you wish to attend any of these events please book on via the BPSS website.

As always, please do not hesitate to get in contact if there is anything we can support with. Looking forward to seeing you and your students soon. Have a lovely half term break.

All the best, The BPSS Team 😊

KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

November

1st – Boccia @ Burnt Oak LC

14th – Panathlon Xtd @ Copthall LC

15th – Boys Sportshall Athletics @ Ashmole

22nd – Girls Sportshall Athletics @ Ashmole

24th – Dodgeball @ Copthall LC

29th – Barnet Bar No One @ Hendon LC

29th – U14 Girls Basketball @ Ashmole

December

6th – U16 Girls Basketball @ Copthall School

7th – Barnet Cross Country Champs @ Copthall Playing Fields

BPSS UPDATES

BPSS Leadership

This term we've had support from St James' sport leaders at our cross country event as well as SMSJ and Hendon School leaders led activities at the C4L movement festival.

We have a number of opportunities for your sports leaders to support at our partnership events this year. If you are interested for your leaders to get involved please get in contact with us for further details.

PARTNER NEWS & EVENTS

England Handball Competition and Resources



England Handball have announced that registration for the 2023/24 National Schools competition is open. The competition is open to boys' and girls' teams from the U13 and U15 age groups. Find out how to register [HERE](#)

They have also renewed the resources on the [Teach Handball hub](#), which provides free access to all you need to know about the sport. [Find out more](#) about the hub.

School Games Mark Criteria

The criteria for the 2023/24 [School Games Mark](#) is now available to help you plan your application in the lead-up to the window opening in May.

You can download the document by visiting School Games Mark page. The application window will open on **Wednesday 01 May 2024** and close on **Friday 26 July 2024**.

The School Games Mark continues to reward and recognise a school's provision and uptake in the School Games against a national benchmark, and to celebrate keeping young people active. In 2022/23 over 8,000 schools achieved a School Games Mark award.



Please contact your SGO if you'd like any support.

Biggest Football Event (8th March 2024)

On Friday 8th March 2024, the Biggest Ever Football Session is back and what an incredible way to celebrate International Women's Day at your school. The aim is to get as many girls as possible playing football on the same day in schools across England. Can you help us beat last year's total of 285,000 girls taking part?

[Click HERE](#) to sign up and find out further details.

Apprenticeship Opportunities for your Students

Please see a range of educational and sporting apprenticeship opportunities [HERE](#). Please pass onto any students who would be suitable. For more information please contact Vanessa – vpender@eastbarnetschool.com



LYG33 Recruitment:

LGY are excited to share that applications for the 2024 LYG33 Team and Chairperson are now open.

WHY BE A PART OF LYG33?

- Represent the voice of young Londoners and shape the future of London Youth Games.
- Develop leadership skills and gain real life experience to help achieve your future ambitions.
- Get access to exclusive experiences and opportunities.
- Meet new people and broaden your network

Please circulate this fantastic opportunity to your school and young people network! For more information, including how to apply, please go to our website here:

<https://londonyouthgames.org/about-the-london-youth-games/lyg33/>

Barnet All About Periods poster competition

We are pleased to inform you that the decision has been made to extend the **Barnet All About Periods poster competition**. The closing date for the competition is now **Thursday 30th of November**.

Submission details:

- Produce an A3 poster.
- The poster can be completed as a group or individually. For the latter, please select your top 2 posters for submission.
- You can use a variety of methods including, arts & crafts, digital etc

Please view the full details of the competition here: <https://rb.gy/k4n8p>.

CPD OPPORTUNITIES



Tuesday 7 November, 4-5.30pm Join the Youth Sport Trust for a live Zoom webinar, led by Hanna Miller, HMI Subject Leader for PE and Kate Thornton-Bousfield, Head of PE and Achievement at the Youth Sport Trust. The session will seek to understand the Ofsted findings and implications to improve practice in PE. We will unpick the details of the recent PE report and support you to review the practice in your school against the findings. Click below to register for your place

REGISTER

Inclusive Education Hub

Here you will find lots of support for you as teachers or school staff to review and improve your inclusive physical education and school sport delivery. It is all made possible through the Department of Education-

funded, Inclusion 2024 project.

Once [registered](#), you will be able to complete the Inclusive PE self-assessment. Then you will be directed to relevant resources based on your answers and receive tips to continually improve the way you work.

Please click on the link below: <https://education.activityalliance.org.uk/>

TOP Sportsability

TOP Sportsability is an online resource for schools and offers practical advice to teachers, learning support staff, and other sports practitioners. It consists of video clips and downloadable content showing ideas and strategies to support the inclusion of young disabled people in physical activity and is divided into five areas.

Top Sportsability now sits on the Youth Sport Trust website [here](#). A code is required to access the content including 24 Sports and activity areas including 3 Paralympic Sports (Boccia, Goalball and Sitting Volleyball).

The code is: YSTINCLUSION27

British Gymnastics Physical Education Teachers Trampoline Award Part 1 and Part 2



The **Compton School Barnet** and afPE London Region are hosting this course on:

Part 1 Tuesday 27th and Wednesday 28th February 2024

Part 2 Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th February 2024

From 9.30 – 4.30 each day

For further details for both the above course, including who this course is aimed towards and the costs, contact John I'Anson, afPE London Region Secretary (Em: j.ianson45@btinternet.com / Mob: 07880 796174)

All about Autism, All about ME

All About Autism, All About Me online CPD is FREE!

We know there are many key barriers to inclusion in PE and sport for young people with autism that collectively our teachers and sports professionals should consider. These are addressed in an exciting E-Learning 'All about Autism, All about Me' resource. Developed by the Youth Sport Trust, and endorsed by the National Autistic Society, this is a digital and practical toolkit, building upon knowledge of autism spectrum conditions (ASC) and some of the key considerations for making PE and sport inclusive to all. It is free for schools across England to access throughout 2023-24

You can click below to access E-learning: <https://ystautismcourse.org/login.php>

Free LTA Training

Friday 17th November, 1.15pm to 3.15pm at Hazelwood Tennis club – LTA secondary teachers course.

The course provides resources and ideas including lesson plans and a **free £250 voucher** that can be used for tennis equipment or coaching for students.

In order to get the voucher/resources and certificate - you will need to book your place please follow the steps below, you are welcome to bring other members of your department to this session – just get them to sign up through these links:

Create your LTA Youth Schools Advantage account - [Register for Advantage \(lta.org.uk\)](#)

Using the login details created, book your place here - [Secondary Teacher Training Course - Hazelwood Sports Club](#)



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