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PRESS RELEASE

KEGS STUDENTS ORGANISE MAJOR OLYMPIC EVENT FOR PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Two King Edward VI Grammar School students have taken the lead in designing and organising an inspiring programme of Olympic events for 240 Chelmsford primary school children.

Year 13s Peter Hawkings and Chris Hutton are Gold Young Ambassadors for the Youth Sport Trust, and have put together the event for the Year 3 children from eight local schools.

The programme is designed to inspire the children to participate in sports, teach them about the Olympic & Paralympic values and enthuse them about the power of the Games.

Working alongside the Chelmsford School Sports Partnership and 19 Silver Young Ambassadors from other secondary schools across Chelmsford, Peter and Chris have put together an Olympic activity day on Thursday 18 March at KEGS for the primary pupils.

Topping the bill will be three British Olympic medallists – Campbell Walsh (Olympic silver medallist, 2004, canoe slalom), Guin Batten (Olympic silver medallist, 2000, rowing) and Ian Rose (Paralympic silver 2004 and bronze 1996, judo). The medallists will talk about their Olympic experiences to the young pupils and in a series of separate sessions will also share this with KEGS students.

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Included in the day will be two activity sessions, jointly organised by the Silver Young Ambassadors, where the young students will take part in a range of fun games to get them active and running around.

The Silver Young Ambassadors have visited the primary students in their classrooms over the last few weeks and delivered a lesson on the Olympics. These sessions have included the history of the Games, the range of sports and the Olympic & Paralympic values.

The whole event is part of the Olympic & Paralympic education programme which was set up to fulfil London's promise to use the Olympic & Paralympic Games to inspire millions of young people to take part in sport.

Explaining the background to the event, Peter Hawkings said "Chris Hutton and I decided in September that we wanted to use our time as Gold Ambassadors to organise a major Olympic event in Chelmsford with our partner schools.

"All Gold Young Ambassadors across the country have a fairly free choice in what they decide to do, and we believe our event in Chelmsford to be one of the biggest and most ambitious.

"We designed the event ourselves and have fully involved our Silver Ambassadors in delivering it. It has been a fantastic leadership development opportunity for all of us.

"Getting the Olympic medallists involved has been a real coup and we hope that the day will provide a really inspiring grand finale for the young primary pupils.

"We would particularly like to thank Martin Eyles, our Partnership Development Manager and Keith Milliken, KEGS' School Sports Co-ordinator for all the support they have given us. We would also like to thank Essex Carrying the Flame for their grant towards the project".



Notes to editors:-

You are welcome to send a reporter, photographer or news crew to the event, which is being held at King Edward VI Grammar School, Chelmsford on Thursday 18 March. There will be an opportunity to see the primary activity session in action at 13.00, see medalist Ian Rose at 13.30 and interview organisers Peter Hawkings and Chris Hutton at 14.00 at the end of the event

Participating primary schools are:-

Baddow Hall Junior School
Kings Road Primary School
Larkrise Primary School
Moulsham Junior School
Newlands Spring Primary School
Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Primary School
Perryfields Junior School
Writtle Junior School

Silver Young Ambassadors are:-

Kayleigh Beedon, Bethany Robinson & Lucy Beard, Moulsham School
Sean Kilroe & Abigail Marshall, Hylands School
Rob Hyams, King Edward VI Grammar School
Sam Robinson & Amber Edey, Great Baddow High School
Victoria Scott & Laura Weaver, Boswells School
Liam Keany & Mollie Turkentine, Chelmer Valley High School
Kirsty Lamb, Georgia Hurren & Ailish Wincott, Chelmsford County High School for Girls
Louise Wren & Rob West, Sandon School
Thomasina Charlish & Dylan John-Baptiste, Chelmsford College

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