



AUTUMN END OF TERM REPORT 23/24



HEADLINE STATS

59

EVENTS
HELD

5467

INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPANTS
(13% INCREASE)

49%

FEMALE
PARTICIPANTS

939

SEND STUDENTS TOOK
PART IN COMPETITIONS

202

TEACHERS ATTENDED
WORKSHOPS

28

DIFFERENT SCHOOLS
ATTENDED KS1 EVENTS

45

DIFFERENT SCHOOLS
ATTENDED KS2 EVENTS

45

DIFFERENT SCHOOLS
ATTENDED CPD

213

LEADERS
TRAINED



COMPETITION ROUND UP



This term we have hosted 59 different inter and intra-school events across KS1 and KS2. This term 45 different schools have attended at least one school event, and we have seen an 13% increase in the number of participants attending schools events with 5467 individual participants taking part since September.

This term started with a new event, where we invited 8 schools to Derby golf club to take part in our first Foot Golf Inspire competition. Pupils got the opportunity to play a 9-hole foot golf course in various formats against classmates and other schools. The event featured group games, single games, and challenges.

Despite the wet weather we had a great turn out at our Primary Cross County events with 472 pupils taking part across our individual and team competitions hosted at Moorways Sports Village. Well done to Walter Evans C of E Primary School, Portway Junior School, Silverhill Primary School and Chellaston Junior School who now progress to represent Derby City at the county competition, which will take place in the new year.

As always, our Mega Fests were popular with just over 600 pupils getting to take part in a range of different sports at one of our central venues.

We also launched our latest targeted event strand, Connect, which aims to use sport to help students develop social skills.

For secondary schools, Autumn Term kicked off with Cross Country, with multiple league events and our Championship round at Moorways in November. Well done to those students who have been selected to represent Derby City in the county competition taking place in January.

Finally, we have ran four PLUS events which are targeted at students with additional needs, including football and boccia competitions.



CONNECT STRAND

Towards the end of last academic year, our Events team met with a focus group of PE Coordinators, SLT and teachers. We discussed the barriers and difficulties that children were facing during PE and school sport. After reviewing the feedback, we identified that pupils across the city were struggling socially.

As a knock-on effect of the lockdowns, teachers told us how pupils were struggling to engage with each other, communicate effectively and show any form of resilience when dealt with a challenge.

This academic year we launched our new Connect strand, targeting pupils that are struggling with their social development more than their peers. Connect aims to develop pupils' social skills, teamwork, communication and resilience through small group tasks and challenges that really push these skills to the limit. This term we have delivered two Connect events, our Year 3/4 Outdoor Adventurous Activities and Year 5/6 Team Building.

Some of our main activities and challenges were our Walkie Talkie Code Breaker, where pupils had to go and find hidden posters that had School Games values jumbled up on them. They then had to radio these back to base camp and decipher the words. This activity really tested pupils' speaking and listening skills and soon became popular with the children.

They also took part in Minefield in which they had to guide their blindfolded partner across a minefield full of equipment they couldn't touch. This really pushed pupils' communication skills as the forfeit for touching equipment meant they had to start again, and they realised that if at first, they didn't succeed, they came together and

Identified why before trying again - showing positive resilience when faced with a challenge or failure.

We asked for some pupil and teacher feedback from schools that attended, we received this from St Mary's School:

"The children thoroughly enjoyed the OAA Connect event. We selected children who struggle to communicate and speak aloud. They came back enthused and confident following the event. They particularly enjoyed using the Walkie Talkies to communicate and found a fun way to work well as a team, improving their listening skills. The children explained how it encouraged them to speak one at a time and listen otherwise you couldn't hear the communication via the Walkie Talkies."

"Our staff who attended the event with the children mentioned how confident and outspoken the children were, in addition to how well they worked in a team to complete challenges whilst building their resilience."

The above feedback really highlights how much pupils were able to take away from one of our Connect events. We look forward to delivering more of these throughout the year.



CONFERENCE



Pride Park Stadium hosted the Derbyshire Active Schools Network on Friday 24th November, with 108 teachers from eight School Sport Partnerships learning from School Games organisers and guest speakers.

The Derbyshire Active Schools Network is a collaboration of Derbyshire's School Sport Partnerships, and the conference showed the impact of schools coming together to share their knowledge and support other practitioners to create impact across the county.

The focus of the conference was 'Embedding physical activity at the heart of the school', workshops centred around promoting 60 active minutes, understanding student voice and School Games Mark Awards. The day opened with a keynote from Andrew Black around the importance of physical activity on our students and how it can support wellbeing and wider school outcomes.

Schools from around the county also shared best practice, giving examples of projects that have been delivered and successfully impacted the students within the school.

Teachers left the conference with a host of practical actions they could implement in school to raise physical activity levels.

"A great day of thought provoking sessions! Lots to think about and implement back at school but excited about the journey."

K. Harford-Smyth – Ridgway Infants School

"It was such an excellent conference, well organised with top quality speakers. I have taken away lots of new ideas and plenty of learning. Everyone I spoke to at the event all seemed to agree that it was a very useful day and that we all had lots of positive ideas to take back to school."

"What I really like is that it feels like you are finding positive people who are giving us easy to implement ideas which always helps when taking things back to busy schools. A massive well done to you and your team for putting this together."

K Evans - St Mary's Catholic Voluntary Academy (New Mills)

MINI LEADERS



September saw the relaunch of the Mini Leaders' programme, with new resources and delivery model. The redesigned programme aimed to provide support for young leaders over the whole year with multiple training dates, aiming to increase activity levels throughout the school by creating a skilled workforce of Mini Leaders to deliver lunchtime activities and act as ambassadors to raise the profile of sport.

The Mini Leaders have given us some feedback on the new resources:

"The cards are very helpful and informative. It tells you what you need, how to make it easier or harder, depending on what you need."
Roe Farm Primary School Mini Leader.

In Autumn Term, 14 primary schools joined the new programme and 219 students have done their Mini Leaders' induction. The induction included training on how to deliver activities and using strategies to manage a group of children. Each student received their logbook and a pack of resource cards to share between their group.

"We can't wait to start leading sessions at lunch-times! These activities are so much fun and simple to lead."

Year 6 Mini Leader - Wyndham Spencer Academy.

This month we have also ran our first virtual leadership network meetings, which brought together groups of Mini Leaders from different schools to share what they have learnt and challenges they have faced in school.

Leaders have been delivering sessions across this half term and completing their logbooks, including what sessions they have delivered but also gather feedback from students for the network meetings.

"Before Mini Leaders my lunchtimes were not as fun as they are now"

Leo, Y2 pupil - Roe Farm Primary School.

Next term DCCT will continue to work with the 200+ Mini Leaders with another training session in school and a Spring Term network meeting. Leaders will continue to deliver lunch time training and continue to act as ambassadors.

GIRLS FOOTBALL



In our work promoting Girls' Football in schools, we have continued a positive working relationship with the Barclays Girls Football in Schools partnership and collaborated with the FA and Youth Sport Trust. We launched their pilot project 'Play On' – which looks to build relationships across schools and clubs within their local community that can open pathways for girls to find a way into frequent football participation.

Over the course of Autumn Term we have seen a positive start to attendances across our girls only/equal access projects in relation to our delivery of in-school enhanced delivery packages.

The 'one club' ethos at the football club has fed into us as a Community Trust. The Women's First Team has fully integrated into the club's Moor Farm training facility, allowing us to create and open pathways into participation at a development level via the Female Talent Pathway, whilst also increasing the opportunities for recreational participation in school.

Across Autumn 1, we reached a total of 83 girls across seven regular in school girls only football sessions. We also held three festivals with 381 total participants. Our Girls Mini Soccer alone had a total attendance of 177 with the other 204 coming from an equal access Shooting Stars Festival.

One participant said *"I enjoy attending the Girls Football festivals, they are less competitive than games and it makes it more fun", with their teacher adding "The festivals are great, they are a massive confidence boost for girls who want to play football and DCCT do a good job of promoting that."*

Autumn 2 saw an increase in sessions to 15 within our affiliated schools totalling 147 participants across girls only sessions and 13 equal access sessions. We also held an Active Play session which saw 120 pupils take part.

We kicked off our secondary competitions with 11 schools from across the county taking part in a KS4 competition hosted at Derby County's training ground. 114 players took part in the event, which was a collaboration between schools sport partnerships from across Derbyshire.

Our Secondary Girls Football League has three individual leagues; Year 7, Under 14s and Under 16s with 36 teams competing across the age groups, totalling 302 participants. The league takes place after school with squads of 9 competing in 7-a-side competitive matches in a central venue league format.

"DCCT's Girls Football league is fantastic, there is a good balance between fun and competitiveness with the staff looking to create a fantastic atmosphere for the girls."

Over the Spring term we have the Girls Biggest Ever Football session - an event that looks to improve girls' participation through fun and challenging practices that look to inspire young girls.

We also will be hosting the PLPS U11s Girls Cup qualifiers in January, a national tournament in which the winners will go onto represent Derby County at the PLPS Girls Cup regional rounds, which we are hosting at Moor Farm.



AFFILIATION PROGRAMME FEEDBACK

Thank you for engaging with the programme this term, and all your hard work to increase Activities levels of pupils across the city.

We would love your feedback on how to improve our offer.

Please complete the feedback form attached to share your thoughts on the programme.



COMPLETE FEEDBACK FORM

UPCOMING KEY DATES

TUESDAY 16TH JANUARY - PRIMARY DANCE CPD

THURSDAY 18TH JANUARY - PLPS U11S GIRLS CUP

WEDNESDAY 31ST JANUARY - ALTERNATIVE SPORTS MEGA FEST

TUESDAY 6TH FEBRUARY - Y5&6 SPORTS HALL ATHLETICS

FRIDAY 8TH MARCH - BIGGEST EVER GIRLS FOOTBALL SESSION

BOOK EVENTS ONLINE

SUMMER TERM EVENTS GO LIVE ON OUR WEBSITE ON MONDAY 5TH FEBRUARY 2024