

## **‘Playground to Podium’**

Further to our letter sent at the end of last term this is to confirm details of the ‘Playground to Podium’ talent identification days that will be held at:

**The UEA Sportspark on the 11<sup>th</sup> March 2011**

**The John Grant School Caister on the 6<sup>th</sup> April 2011**

This will be an opportunity for your students to come along and sample 5 Paralympic sports – athletics, wheelchair basketball, boccia, football and table-tennis and also to try their hand at some cricket skills. Schools and students can choose which of these two events is the most convenient for them to attend and indicate on the enclosed entry form. We also have a Swimming Talent day on **31<sup>st</sup> March**. For more information on this please contact me.

This day is open to those students who fall into one or more of the following categories:

- Amputees
- Wheelchair users
- Cerebral palsy
- Spina bifida
- Visually impaired
- Hearing impaired
- Severe Learning difficulties

Each sport will be organised into 30 minute slots and will be run by qualified coaches representing the appropriate National Governing Body. Students will be divided into five groups and will carousel around the sports. During the day the coaches will be carrying out talent identification. Following the day, students who have been identified will be notified and informed of the follow-up events which will take place during the summer term. **However, we are encouraging all students to come along and take part in what we hope will be a very enjoyable and inclusive day of sport.**

If students can arrive between 9.45am and 10am for registration. At 10.15 we do a fun warm-up session for everybody and at 10.30 the first sport session will begin. The day will finish by 2.30pm

Students, accompanying staff/parents/carers will need to bring a packed lunch and drink (tea and coffee will be available at the beginning of the day for accompanying adults). All activities will take place inside so please ensure students bring appropriate footwear and clothing for all the sports.

If you have any students who would like to take part in this exciting opportunity please complete the enclosed entry form and return by **18<sup>th</sup> February** at the latest.

There will be an official photographer present during the day. We would be grateful if you would obtain parental permission for photographs to be taken. **If any student is**

**not able to be photographed could you please make us aware of this at registration.**

If you have any queries relating to this event please do not hesitate to contact Ellen Vanlint, particularly if you are unsure whether a student would be suitable to attend.

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