

New Gifted and Talented in PE and Sport Co-ordinator

We are writing to introduce Gary Penn the new Gifted and Talented in PE and Sport Co-ordinator for Norfolk County Council. Gary commenced the role late in 2008 and is serving an initial twelve-monthly sabbatical post from his role as the Partnership Development Manager for Norwich SSP.

Gary's role is to ensure Norfolk's young gifted and talented people are given the right opportunities to follow a progressive PE and sport pathway in order to achieve their potential. Since his employment Gary has been working upon a county-wide strategy and brand called Competitive Edge.

The Competitive Edge talent development pathway has been designed to provide positive role models for children to aspire to and be motivated by. The pathway is designed to change the current approaches to athlete development by creating a multi-ability landscape that promotes generic movement development and progresses to athlete support, in relation to children's needs. Competitive Edge will work with key stakeholders to up-skill and empower a range of agencies in order to develop a strong community of practice that is crucial in sustaining the talent development pathway.

Please note that 2009 sees the first Regional Multi-Skill Academy and Conference, held as the climax to National School Sport Week, on Friday 3rd July at the UEA Sportspark. Please block out the day for a Head of PE and G&T in PE delegate to attend the Conference. More details will follow shortly.

Finally, we are trying to collate a Virtual County G&T PE and Sport register for Year 7 pupils. If your school has Year 7 pupils please complete the form on-line at www.activenorfolk.org/competetiveedge and send it to Gary at gary.penn@norfolk.gov.uk detailing your Gifted in PE and Talented in Sport students and submit it electronically by Friday 3rd April 2009.

In the meantime if you would like any assistance in developing a Gifted in PE, Talented in Sport policy, or would like guidance upon how to support your most able students in PE and sport, then please do not hesitate to get in contact.

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