

FAO: Headteacher / Primary Link Teacher (PLT)

We wish to inform you of the on-going work of Gary Penn, the County's PE advisor for Gifted and Talented (G&T) young people within PE and Sport.

The purpose of his role is to ensure Norfolk's most able students are given the correct opportunities to follow a progressive PE and sport pathway in order to achieve their potential. Since his employment, Gary has been working upon a countywide strategy; Competitive Edge, and its links to the national G&T pathway for PE and sport.

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.

Many of you may be aware of the multi-skill pathway, but for those whom are not, or would like further guidance upon recognising, supporting, guiding and inspiring talent then there will be a number of county training days in order to help you cater for G&T students. For more information, please visit www.schools.norfolk.gov.uk – visiting Curriculum and then PE or contact your Partnership Development Manager

Within your schools post this week there will be a letter with these details and also enclosed is a set of multi-ability posters, which may help you and the students, prepare for multi-skill clubs and Academies within your school and Sport Sports Partnerships.

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 with Gary.

Thank you for your co-operation.

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