



FAO: Headteacher / Head of PE / G&T Co-ordinator

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 young gifted and talented (G&T) 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 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. Your new Year 7 intake should include students whom have graduated from their Multi-skill Academy. These students have been recognised as Gifted in PE and should aid your G&T selection process. Within your schools post this week there will be a letter with these details and also attached will be posters, promoting the five multi-abilities; which Year 7 Competitive Edge students should be familiar with

September 2009 sees the launch of STARS. STARS is an exciting education support programme for Norfolk highest performing young athletes in full-time education. Information relating to STARS has been separately sent out, but if you have any athletes competing at national level then please ensure your school accesses this high-profile programme and allow us to promote your school's successes.

Many of you may be aware of the Competitive Edge 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](http://www.schools.norfolk.gov.uk) – visiting Curriculum and then PE or contact your Partnership Development Manager.

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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