

Vandyke Upper School & Community College

PE and Partnership Bulletin



Vandyke students visit the David Beckham Academy, London

On 9 May 2007 twenty-nine eager Year 10 pupils from Vandyke spent a day at the brand new 'David Beckham Soccer Academy' in London. The £9 million purpose-built development, which is situated near the Millennium Dome, was a fantastic setting for pupils to help discover what is needed to become a top professional footballer.

The pupils had classroom-based lessons on coaching and technique, and then they took part in a variety of leadership roles in which they excelled. The afternoon's activities focused on a 'festival of football'. Teams battled it out on the two indoor 3rd generation astro-turf pitches.

Pupils were rewarded throughout the day, which culminated in a grand presentation where Fran Evans and Aiden Denton both collected 'Player of the Tournament' medals.

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PE & Sports College News

Recent Events



Fran Evans and Aiden Denton collect their 'Player of the Tournament' Awards at the David Beckham Academy, London on 9 May

District Cup Finals

This season the boys have progressed to the final of the district cup in 3 of the possible 4 competitions. The year 9 boys played particularly well to defeat a strong Manshead team 3-1.

The year 11s progressed at the hands of Northfields, who will be joining the under-18 team who await their final in the forthcoming week against Queensbury.

Final reports to appear here soon.....

Junior Football Organiser Training

Three Vandyke PE staff completed a course in training to become a JFO tutor. This provides PE staff with the nationally recognised accreditation to deliver the NGB JFO award to students at Vandyke and within the community.

This will help to ensure that in future a large number of pupils will have the opportunity to complete the National Governing Body award in Football. This is the beginning of a number of coaching awards that students can access to complement their career choices.

Mr Turney, Head of Boys' PE

Silsoe Revision Conference

On Sunday 6th May 20 pupils from year 11 attended a GCSE Physical Education revision conference at Silsoe College. The full day event gave all pupils the chance to 'brush up' on their exam technique and combined revision lectures with past paper examples.

The day was led by Lee Turney and colleagues Neil Pearson and Chris Duffy. The pupils covered areas that included the skeletal and muscular systems, health and skill related fitness, training principles and methods, the heart and respiratory systems plus there was even time for some practical activity to apply some of the key terms taught!



Vandyke PE Students visit Bedford University

Twenty-five talented and high-achieving students from Vandyke's Year 11 GCSE Physical Education programme were invited to attend a programme at the University of Bedford. The students were able to test the brand new sports science facilities as they each sampled a wide range of activities with the aim of helping them to reach the highest possible marks in their final examination, and at the same time hopefully encouraging as many as possible into future university courses.

Mr Turney said "The opportunity to bring students to establishments like this encourages them to aim high. All the students have been able to put into practice what they have been taught in the classroom and this hands-on experience will not only ensure that information is retained but, perhaps more importantly, give students an insight into university life and the possibilities for the future".

Vandyke Sports Media Reports

Vandyke Upper School is committed to increasing students' participation in sport and PE.

Students who regularly take part in physical activities will become fitter, healthier and develop their communication, organisation and team-building skills.

The PE department has introduced a new initiative which enables students to act as sports reporters.

Ryan Debrick's (10ACRS) article is the first to be published.

Well done Ryan!

Chris Miller, Head of PE



Year 10 Work-Related Learning Week—w/c 4 June

Forty Year 10 students have been given the opportunity to gain a National Governing Body award in sport as part of their Year 10 work-related learning week at Vandyke. The students have selected to become Young Leaders/Coaches in tennis, table-tennis, football and netball.

Trained tutors from the Governing Bodies of Sport will work with students on a practical and theoretical basis, resulting in final assessment for successful completion of the award.

Sports College has also linked with the Arts during this week in collaboration with a local artist in residence, Zena Jay Ellis, and Brooklands Middle School. Zena works collaboratively with community groups, youth clubs and schools, creating artworks for the space in which they identify as needing attention. Through workshops Zena creates projects that are both influenced and formed by those who use the space in which it will be set. Some of Zena's projects include Saints Community Centre mural in Luton, Parkside Voice mural in Houghton Regis and the Stopsley Traveller Project in Luton. If you wish to see more of Zena's work her website address is www.zenajayellis.com

Ten selected students will spend two days working with Zena at Brooklands Middle School to produce a sports mural in their sports hall.

Dawn White, Assistant Headteacher

Sports Media Report

By Ryan Debrick

'Here at a Sports College'

Have you ever wondered what a Sports College is actually like? Well here at Vandyke Upper School the students are offered a fantastic range of sports facilities.

Our new scheme of 100% participation means that everybody is involved in the lesson. Students who are injured now benefit as they learn more about the background to a sport.

Vandyke has realised what an opportunity this is and has seen the benefit students have from this regular exercise. Students are also well praised for any sporting achievement.

EBD Leighton Buzzard Children's University 2007

20-24 August 9.30am-3.30pm

Vandyke Sports College will once again be the host school for the Gifted & Talented Children's University summer school in Sport and Fitness. Due to the success of last year's summer school, Dunstable's Children's University will be joining Vandyke's team to deliver a joint G&T sports week.

Vandyke has also been successful in securing the Performing Arts Gifted & Talented Children's University programme during the same week.

Both programmes will be delivered by staff at Vandyke with the help of students who wish to gain further experience within their chosen career path.

Dawn White, Assistant Headteacher





Partnership News

by Claire Syvret, Partnership Development Manager (PDM)
Leighton-Linslade School Sport Partnership

Recent Events

Year 3/4 County Tag Rugby

Leedon Lower School and Beaudesert Lower School qualified from the Partnership Tournament to go through to the County Finals at Dunstablians Rugby Club on April 26th.

Both teams played extremely well with Leedon making it to the final and only losing out within the last few minutes.

Congratulations to both teams!



Glynis Lawrence, SSSCo, organised a Family Football Tournament for her Lower Schools, supported by her Young Leaders from Linslade Middle School.

All schools entered full teams and took part as in the non-competitive event, enjoying a great afternoon of activity.

PESSCL Survey

The 2007 PESSCL Survey will be released on 14 May. The ten questions are the same as in previous years, with some slight alterations on definitions.

SSCos will be visiting all schools in the forthcoming weeks to work with PLTs or key teachers in order that the questionnaires can be completed successfully and on time.

The PESSCL Survey data is used to award Partnership Mark, Sportsmark and Active Mark to those schools achieving the required standards.

SSCo Development Day

All PDMs and SSSCos from across the county were involved in a Development Day on Friday 4 May at Marston Vale Forest Centre. The day involved numerous workshops and sessions around the PESSCL survey, health & safety and key issues from the partnerships. SSSCos were involved in sharing good practice and specific case studies.

This day is part of the School Sport Coordinator's annual CPD programme.

Forthcoming Events

AOTTs and Midday Supervisor Training - The School Sports Partnership is running Multi Skills Training for all Adults Other Than Teachers and Midday Supervisors working in the partnership Lower Schools. The training, held at Southcott Lower School, is a follow on from the previous Huff and Puff Training last September.

Monday 4 June (4pm)—Partnership Celebration Evening rehearsal at Vandyke Upper School.

Thursday 7 June—Year 3/4 Football Tournament at Swallowfield Lower School.

Friday 8 June—PLT Day at Gilbert Inglefield Middle School (Needs Analysis and Mini Basketball).

Monday 11 June (6pm) —Partnership Celebration Evening at Vandyke Upper School.

Friday 15 June—Year 3/4 Kwik Cricket Tournament.