

Developing Talent

The Youth Sport Trust offers a range of programmes to help our Gifted and Talented young athletes be the best they can be, by giving them opportunities to be mentored by elite athletes in their sport, help them realise what it means to be the best and support them in balancing their sport and their education.

UK School Games

The UK School Games is a multi-sport event for the most talented young people in the country of school age. The four-day Games are designed to replicate the feel of major event such as the Olympic and Paralympic Games, complete with opening and closing ceremony and an athlete village, the games prepares young elite athletes for the pressure of this type of competition. Many leading sports stars support the event acting as mentors to the competitors. The games are scheduled to be held every year until 2012 with other destinations set to be the West of England (Bath and Bristol) in 2008; Wales (Cardiff, Swansea and Newport) in 2009; Tyne and Wear (Newcastle, Gateshead and Sunderland) in 2010 and Sheffield in 2011. The UK School Games is to be the pinnacle of competitive school sport and is part of a wider commitment to increasing opportunities for competitive sport for all young people.



Gifted and Talented programme

The Gifted and Talented programme is a strand of the government's wider Physical Education, School Sport and Club Links (PESSCL) Strategy. It helps and supports talented and elite young sports people realise their potential in sport and education. Talented pupils are mentored to help them maximise their involvement in sport and education. This helps them rationalise and prioritise their involvement in school and sport through gaining skills in lifestyle management.

National Talent Orientation Camp



The National Talent Orientation Camp is for youngsters of school age who have been identified by their sport's governing body as having the potential to make it as elite athletes. The camp combines high quality training sessions with workshops on ability and determination, keynote speeches on education and lifestyle planning, advice on drugs-free sport, a Higher Education Marketplace and the opportunity for the 14-17 year olds to ask a panel of elite performers questions around what it takes to become the best. The National Talent Orientation Camp is funded by the Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF) and is the pinnacle of the Gifted and Talented strand of the National School Sport Strategy.

For more information on any of these initiatives please call the Youth Sport Trust Press Team on 0207 278 72 08