

# UK School Games 2007 in numbers

# 4

days

The Games lasted for four days with athletes experiencing opening and closing ceremonies and individual medal ceremonies

# 1,300

athletes

Over one thousand three hundred athletes competed at the 2007 Games

# 5

venues

# 789

medals awarded

# 10,000

spectators

Over ten thousand spectators watched events across the four days

# 8

## events

ATHLETICS  
BADMINTON  
FENCING  
GYMNASTICS  
JUDO  
SWIMMING  
TABLE TENNIS  
VOLLEYBALL

## records broken

Including one athletic world junior record and one swimming national junior record

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# 900

volunteers

There were over 900 volunteers who helped to run the event including 360 technical officials, 23 Coventry city Council staff, 17 Youth Sport Trust Young volunteers and 266 team support staff

## UK School Games 2008

The second UK School Games was held in Coventry in August 2007 across a number of venues in the city, each transformed for the event into world-class sporting arenas. Building upon the success of the 2006 inaugural games in Glasgow, Coventry showcased four days of sporting action across eight sports. This included three sports new to the event (badminton, judo and volleyball), and Paralympic disciplines in athletics, swimming and table tennis.

With over 10,000 spectators, national and regional media coverage, and spectacular opening and closing ceremonies this multi-sport event inspired another generation of young athletes. As the pinnacle of the competitive sporting programme for young people, the UK School Games provides the ideal platform for our emerging talents to prepare to compete in future Olympic and Paralympic Games. The talents on show in Coventry certainly lived up to this billing and a series of personal, national and junior world records were broken at the 2007 Games.

Young people were also engaged in a variety of volunteering positions meaning that the UK School Games provided a showcase for all that is positive about young people in this country.

The Games now move on to Bristol and Bath in 2008, before visiting Wales and Gateshead/Newcastle/Sunderland in subsequent years and Sheffield in 2011. This will ensure the role of young people is set to increase, and evolve, giving ever more opportunities for talented young people to shine through sport.



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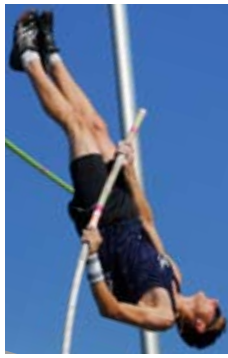


Bath & North East  
Somerset Council



“The event is a fantastic opportunity for some of the country’s most talented sporting youngsters to develop. Interest in these competitors is only going to increase between now and the London Olympic Games and the experience of competing will undoubtedly help them further their ambitions.”

**Daley Thompson CBE**  
Double Olympic Gold Medalist



“The whole UK School Games experience has built our team spirit. It has been brilliant in every way and I hope some of us get to do this in 2012.”

**Sam Allen**  
Team Captain and Gold Medalist,  
England Midlands Boys 2007

“I think the UK School Games is a fantastic idea and I really hope the funding continues for it. I think it’s really important to help British teams progress towards the Olympics. Their main aim is to get lots of gold medals and I definitely think this event is a major stepping stone towards it.”

**Nathan Mullet**  
Triple Gold Medalist, Wales,  
gymnastics 2007



“The atmosphere here at the UK School Games was much better than I expected, the crowd were great and helped me get through the matches. It’s a wonderful event and I would definitely tell others to aim for it.”

**Francesca Steggall**  
Gold Medallist, (under 48kg) judo 2007



“It has been an amazing finish to a really great weekend. The whole event has had such a great atmosphere with a unique opportunity to mix with athletes from other sports, but my lasting memory will be winning my gold medal.”

**Emma Vickers**  
Individual Gold Medalist, England  
Midlands, table tennis 2007



“It was an amazing experience volunteering at the games after being selected through the Step into Sport camp. I got to try out all sorts of roles and I would love to help at any future event.”

**Andrew Scragg**  
Step into Sport Volunteer 2007



“The UK School Games are a great opportunity and I’m sure all the competitors in Coventry will have gained valuable experience at this event while having fun and making lots of new friends. As a double Olympic champion and now National School Sport Champion I am passionate about ensuring support for elite young performers.”

**Dame Kelly Holmes**  
Double Olympic Medalist and National  
School Sport Champion



## UK School Games: visions

Six key themes have been identified and created to ensure the UK School Games bring about systematic change in the way in which competitive opportunities are developed for young people and that a lasting legacy is created.

1. Ongoing planning and delivery of a UK level sports event showcasing talented young sports people.
2. To bring about a step change in the content, structure and presentation of competitive sporting opportunities for young people.
3. Use the event itself, and themed branding of local and regional competitions, to raise the profile of school age competitions and the young people taking part, to promote the work undertaken in each nation to improve PE and school sport.
4. Integrate Olympic and Paralympic themes into the UK School Games by ensuring that the Olympic and Paralympic values are promoted through volunteer training, opening and closing ceremonies and an athlete village.
5. Create opportunities for young people to become engaged in volunteering at major sports events both as technical officials and event volunteers.
6. Ensure the event advocates and demonstrates the highest level of child protection and welfare systems.

**The responsibility for the development and organisation of the UK School Games lies with the Youth Sport Trust whose mission is to use the power of sport to improve the lives of young people.**

The Youth Sport Trust works closely with the National Governing Bodies of Sport of the UK School Games events across the UK, and each of the Home Country Sports Councils.