



Wolverhampton Schools Sports Awards Evening 2023-24

On Tuesday 9th July, Heath Park attended the ConnectEd Partnership SSAW Awards Evening at the Grand Station Wolverhampton. It was a fantastic evening rounding up a very successful year for our sports students this year. Thank you to the students who attended the evening as representatives for each team. Heath Park students collected awards for the following:

- Y10 Girls Athletics
- Y9 Boys Athletics
- Y8 Boys Athletics
- Year 9 Boys Indoor Athletics Champions (also winning the BCSG making them the best in the Black Country)
- Year 8 Boys Football league winners
- Y9 Boys Footballs Cup winners
- Year 9/10 Girls Basketball league winners
- Y7/8 Boys Basketball league winners
- Y11 & 6th Form Boys Basketball league winners

The EXTRA MILE Award – Richard Golding



Richard was awarded the Extra Mile award for this hard work and dedication to running the football leagues across the city for the last 8 years! This is no easy tasks with 3 division in each year group and 5 year groups! He has now handed over to Mr Alderman who has some big shoes to fill!

Spirit of the Games - Freya Harding

Freya exemplifies what it means to be a versatile and dedicated athlete, whose talent and hard work have made a significant impact on our school community. She has an all-round talent and has buckets of enthusiasm and motivation.

Freya's passion for physical education transcends beyond personal achievements, as she consistently seeks to uplift and inspire those around her. Whether it's through organising and helping at team badminton practices, team basketball practices and fixtures (for both boys and girls), mentoring younger students, or leading by example during PE lessons, her influence is both profound and far-reaching.

Freya embodies the spirit of sportsmanship and teamwork. She is always the first to offer encouragement to her teammates, celebrating their successes and providing support during challenging times. She is the first player to show respect whether that is a handshake or a hug! Her positive attitude and inclusive approach have fostered a sense of unity and camaraderie within our sports teams, creating a playing and learning environment where everyone feels motivated to give their best.

Freya also took part in the 'Your Time leadership Programme' and has since supported a variety of clubs and leadership opportunities, KS2 Play Leaders, Primary School Indoor Athletics, KS2 Primary Pentathlon. One of the most remarkable qualities of Freya is her unwavering commitment to inclusivity. Freya has a unique ability to see the potential in every individual and works tirelessly to ensure everyone feels valued and capable.





Student of the Year – Nick Shaffrey Award Ouskh Dampha

Ouskh has overcome barriers in his young life so far that most people couldn't begin to imagine. Ouskh was born in Gambia and lost both of his parents at a young age. As a young boy, Ouskh was determined to make his way to the UK and chose to leave and make this journey alone. Ouskh had a long and tough journey from Gambia, travelling through many different countries and living in a number of camps. On many occasions Ouskh escaped danger and witnessed high levels of tragedy on his journey.

Ouskh finally arrived in UK in July 2023 and joined Year 11 at our school in the September for the new academic year. As an EAL student, since starting at Heath Park Ouskh has been an inspiration to all; both staff and students. Ouskh has integrated into school community with very little English and the impact he has had on our students is amazing, specifically our vulnerable students. We have had a high number of new students start since Ouskh, with several being new to the country and to the English language - Ouskh has volunteered his time without any requests to support them, as well as volunteering to help the PE department with their lessons when he has been available. Ouskh has helped to teach Football, Rounders, Tennis, Athletics and Cricket lessons since joining Heath Park, which has been greatly appreciated by the PE Department! Ouskh's contribution to the PE Department has been incredible. He has represented the school on many occasions and his passion for sport and helping others has been invaluable when helping students during PE lessons, especially those with Special Educational Needs.



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It did not take long for Ouskh to showcase his sporting talent at Heath Park. On his first day, his peers were rushing to the PE department to inform staff that there was a new student who was a brilliant footballer. Ouskh has since represented the school in every Football Academy game and every Year 11/Sixth form fixture this year. Not only has Ouskh played every game, but he has been an integral part of both teams, scoring some crucial goals along the way.

Although Ouskh's sporting prowess is very apparent, it is his personality that shines through. He always lights up the room and his infectious happiness has been a breath of fresh air for the entire school. Ouskh is a pleasure all round and a true inspiration.

