THE BURGATE SCHOOL

GIFTED AND TALENTED PROGRAMME;
OPPORTUNITIES FOR PUPILS IN PE
Gifted and talented pupils at The Burgate School enjoy many opportunities to develop in their lessons and practices that are within in our subject. For example, they are able to take part in extra curricular-clubs and fixtures, on trips and visits and receiving specialist sports coaching by the sports coaches we invite into school.

However, we are now aiming to provide an even more comprehensive programme of support for those pupils we consider to be and talented and able in sport.

Our policy on the identification of gifted and talented pupils in PE is based on the National Physical Education Quality Standards for Talent Development. They state that Pupils in PE can be identified as Gifted and Talented.

We aim to;

- Identify, challenge and support gifted and talented pupils within the Physical Education curriculum.
- Encourage them to work to their full potential at school.
- Help gifted and talented pupils to develop the personal qualities which will enable them to maximise their potential.

The definition used to distinguish between Gifted and Talented are as follows,

- **Gifted** = Pupils performing at county level or above in a particular sport.
- **Talented** = Pupils performing at a high level across the PE curriculum.

The identification process takes place throughout the year, and is done by using a profile Sheet. These sheets allow us to track a pupils Creative, Social, Cognitive and personal development. Alongside the profile sheets we also consider, representative honours at county, regional or national level, excellent ability and performance in a number of sports, or representing the school in a number of sports.

This booklet offers further information about the opportunities available to your son/daughter, some in school and many in the Schools Sports Partnership, that may help your child to enhance his/her ability and potential in sport.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you need any more information or you feel we could help to support your child in any way. Also, if you feel you could help us, perhaps as a coach or club leader, we would welcome any offers that would enable us to extend pupil opportunities.

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**Burgate Year 10 and 11 Development Programme**

The gifted and talented programme aims to provide opportunities to expand the pupils’ subject knowledge on subjects such as sports injury, fitness training, body conditioning, sports nutrition, teamwork and leadership.
During the year, our year 10 and 11 pupils will be given the opportunity to visit Bath University, the leading university for sports performance and sports courses in the country. The pupils get the chance to experience the amazing facilities on offer, whilst also developing knowledge that will help in GCSE PE, and even their future choices in further education.

**Elite Athlete Camp**

Each year in May, year 9 pupils are offered a place on an Elite Athlete Camp. This is run by our Partnership school, Noadswood Sports Collage. The Day Concentrates on training aimed at the pupils individual Sport and Time management of training and school work. It also allows them to mix with other talented young performers.

**Superstars Competition**

In years 7, 8 and 9 pupils have the opportunity to compete in a Superstars Competition against other schools in the School Sport Partnership. This is a multi skilled event, and involves Fitness tests, Rowing, Running and Cycling as well as a ball skills section. Winning pupils go on to compete against the rest of the county.

**Balancing school, Training and Competition**

If your child competes at a high level in their chosen sport, it may well involve long hours of travelling to and from competitions, and may even require weekends away from home.

If this clashes with internal exams or coursework deadlines please contact the PE Department as early as possible, and we will try to organise school work around important competitions, so that your child can achieve their best both at school and in their sport. Please note that external exams can not be changed.

**Young Gifted and Talented Programme**

The Young gifted and talented programme is a website that enables pupils to join study groups (GCSE), take part in discussion forums and gain entry to training sessions and holiday camps. These allow them to train and compete with other high performers in their sport. Please encourage your child to look around this website and discuss his/her findings with you. Mr Bailey will have further information on this programme.

**More Than a Game**

More Than a Game is a sports clinic in Bournemouth for football, rugby and netball catering for 11-18 year olds. It runs in the October half-term holiday and is highly regarded in the area. They offer specialist two day courses and high quality coaching and competition.

Full details are included at the back of this booklet.
Downton Leisure Centre

All pupils on our gifted and talented list are offered a special rate to use the gym during Teen Zone sessions. Pupils will be given an induction to the gym together with clear safety instructions and guidance that are specific to their age.

Each session will cost them only £1.50, half the price of a normal junior session. Students should take the form found at the back of this booklet and present it at the gym. These forms must be signed by a member of the PE Department for your child to qualify for the reduced rate.

A timetable of the gyms opening hours can also found at the back of this booklet.

Grants and funding

Pupils who play at county level or above may be eligible to receive additional funding to help with travel expenses etc. To investigate this further please look on www.sporthampshireiow.co.uk.

The school can also offer the James Salisbury Sports Bursary, aimed at supporting students who have lots of expenses, for equipment, training or travel.

If you feel you may be able to make use of this funding please contact Mr J Bailey (Head of PE) to discuss further.

Wall of Fame and Sport Badges

When a pupil is identified as Gifted or Talented they will have their photo and placed on our ‘Wall of Fame’ situated outside the Sports hall. We feel this raises their profile with in school, giving them the praise and status they deserve.

Sports Badges are awarded to upper school pupils. This is a congratulations for maintaining their position on the Gifted and talented register, and Identifying our most talented Sportsmen and women in school.