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## Media Release



### **Finham Park School** gets set for London 2012 with a grant to plan their Games

**Finham Park School** in **Coventry** has been awarded a grant of **£7765** to support other schools in their area to also get involved in London 2012 and make the most of opportunities available through the official London 2012 education programme 'Get Set'.

Schools across England that are engaged with the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games were invited to apply for a grant of up to £8,800. The London Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games (LOCOG) have worked closely with the Department for Education, who are funding the scheme, called 'Plan your 2012'. 'Plan your 2012' offers schools that join the London 2012 'Get Set network' reward and recognition scheme the chance to share their passion for the Games, inspiring and engaging other schools, young people and building partnerships across their community.

**Finham Park School** is a member of the Get Set network and is one of 125 schools who have been awarded a grant, selected from over 600 schools who applied.

This grant will help to fund activities on our 'Olympic Dream Deep Learning Day' for over 1500 students on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2012, in which students will participate in a number of different workshops learning about the Olympic and Paralympic values; the meaning and legacy of the Olympics and lots more besides... In addition, our student ambassadors will be working with our young people in primary schools to promote the Olympic and Paralympic values through activities which they will lead for others.

LOCOG Chair, Seb Coe said: 'We are delighted to be working even more closely with DfE, and the 'Plan your 2012' programme of grants will mean that more schools and more young people can be inspired by and benefit from local leadership and best practice in their area.

'Members of the Get Set network, like **Finham Park School**, are brilliant advocates for London 2012 - demonstrating what a positive difference linking learning to the Games can make to young people.

'Participating in 'Plan your 2012' gives engaged schools a fantastic

opportunity to take the lead in supporting other schools and their local community, enabling them to make the most of London 2012.'

Children's Minister, Tim Loughton said: 'Sport can bring out the best in everyone and the London 2012 Games is a great opportunity for us to inspire a generation of young people. Through funding for Get Set we are helping schools spread the Olympic and Paralympic values across their local communities, as well as providing more opportunities for competitive sport.

'It's really encouraging to see so many schools keen to take part - from a primary setting up a local league for Olympic sports to a secondary school arranging a Cultural Olympiad. With Get Set and Plan your 2012 we are giving schools the chance to create their own legacy that will last far beyond 2012.'

Schools can find out more about the scheme and how to apply on the London 2012 'Get Set' website [www.london2012.com/getset](http://www.london2012.com/getset). The second round of applications opens on 28 November and close on 6 January 2012.

Schools that join the 'Get Set' network before Friday 16 December 2011 will also secure an allocation of tickets to the Games at no cost through the London 2012 Ticketshare initiative, as well as other exclusive rewards and opportunities.

Get Set is the official London 2012 education programme for schools and colleges across the UK. More than 20,500 schools have already registered with the programme. It provides students and teachers with access to free resources including films, activity and fact sheets to support young people to explore the Olympic and Paralympic Values and play their part in the London 2012 Games. .

Over 9,000 have gone one step further to join the Get Set network reward and recognition scheme by demonstrating their commitment to living the Olympic and Paralympic Values.

**"Greatness is not a gift; it is a choice"**  
**Be inspired! Get involved with London 2012 Olympics.**

**Coming soon....**  
**'Olympic Dream Deep Learning Day' – Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2012**

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Promoting the Olympics & Paralympics.

