



GREENWOOD DALE FOUNDATION TRUST

Academies Shield – April 2016

The annual Academies Shield was a resounding success, encapsulating the ethos of the Greenwood Dale Foundation Trust (GDFT).

Held on 27 April, at the Weston Favell Academy which has outstanding sports facilities, the event encompassed football, dodgeball, netball and hockey plus a university-style academic challenge to test general knowledge.

Over 450 Year 8 and 9 pupils from the City of Derby Academy, the City of Peterborough Academy, the Kingswood Secondary Academy, the Nottingham Academy, the Nottingham Girls' Academy, the Skegness Academy, the Stanground Academy and the Weston Favell Academy participated.



A small group of pupils from the City of Peterborough Academy Special School also attended for the very first time and received medals for their outstanding achievement.



The host, the Weston Favell Academy was crowned overall girls winners for the second year running:



The Kingswood Secondary Academy took the title for the overall boys winners for the first time.



In addition to enhancing sporting skills, the pupils that attended the event developed emotionally, culturally and socially, as a result of working with pupils from Academies in other regions. In many ways, this is the most important feature of the festival and reinforces the overarching aims of the Trust.

The Academies Shield is an example of the GDFT's commitment to providing competitive sporting experiences for pupils. There is an extensive schedule of inter academy sporting competition which includes all 30 open Academies. Competitions range from athletics, basketball, hockey, netball, football and dodgeball.

As the Trust endeavours to find a sport for every child to succeed at, further opportunities to experience new challenges will be added to the sporting calendar next year.