



# GREENWOOD DALE FOUNDATION TRUST

## Inter Academies Athletics Championships – July 2015

The annual Inter Academies Athletics Championships was a resounding success, encapsulating the ethos of the Greenwood Dale Foundation Trust. The event is aimed at our elite athletes, with pupils only allowed to enter one track and one field discipline, therefore enabling pupils to excel in specialist areas of athletics.

Held on 15 July at the Princess Royal Arena in Boston, the championships encompassed a wide range of athletics events including shot put, javelin, long jump, discus, triple jump and high jump, alongside conventional track events and 4 x 100m relays.

Over 280 Year 8/9 pupils from the following secondary Academies participated:

1. The City of Derby Academy
2. The City of Peterborough Academy
3. The Houghton Regis Academy
4. The Kingswood Secondary Academy
5. The Nottingham Academy
6. The Nottingham Girls' Academy
7. The Skegness Academy
8. The Stanground Academy
9. The Weston Favell Academy

The Nottingham Girls' Academy opened proceedings with a musical extravaganza by 'Harmony' and an energetic dance performance from 'G13'. This was followed by an inspirational speech from Anthony Clark who is one of Badminton's most prolific and respected players gaining over 100 caps for England, winning seven Commonwealth medals, two World Championship medals and representing Great Britain at two Olympic Games.

Lots of Trust records were broken throughout the day and there were very few points between the winner and the two runners up; however the Stanground Academy was crowned overall girls and boys winners for the fourth consecutive year!



*Opening performance from the Nottingham Girls' Academy*





*Representatives from the Stanground Academy collected the 'winner' shields from Anthony Clark*

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 competition and reinforces the overarching aims of the Trust.

The Academies Athletics Championships is an example of the GDFT's commitment to providing competitive sporting experiences for pupils. This is the last in our extensive sporting calendar, crowning the end of an outstanding year.