



NEWCASTLE EAGLES

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION



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FACTS AND FIGURES 2017-18

hoops **4** health

86

schools participated
up 18 on last year

7,132

young people
took part

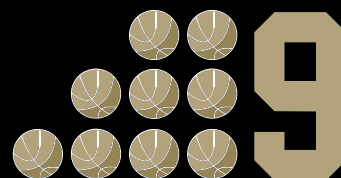


council
finals



champion of
champions final

change
4 life



extra-curricular school clubs
established within the
East End of Newcastle

419

young people
have attended



times
or more



25-30
schools with
more than...

15 junior players
some of which have represented
the North East at the junior
championships

10 new adult
players

1 national
league team

400 children participating



60

NEWCASTLE
EAGLES
ACADEMY
players

62

club teams compete
within our junior
league

49

club or after
school sites



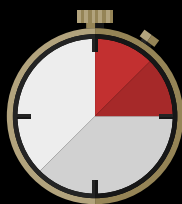
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officiating
staff for CVL



20

school
club
sites in
Gateshead



more than
7000
volunteer hours
donated this season



7 foundation
trustees

9 full time
staff

40 part time
staff

all the BBL squad players
deliver Hoops4Health
roadshows



our clubs cater from 5 years old to senior age groups

ZERO
core-funding

INTRODUCTION

The 2017-2018 year has been one of the biggest steps forward for the Newcastle Eagles and Eagles Community Foundation with the development of the new Eagles Community Arena one step closer to opening and providing a stable base for basketball here in the North East.



We are extremely proud of the step that we have made for basketball and will continue to push the sport forward.

This report will give an insight into the depth of interventions we deliver daily, amounting to over 200 sessions per week, almost all year round. The report is dedicated to everyone who works as a part of the Eagles team to provide a foundation for young people and adults to participate in sport and build a healthy, active lifestyle as well as provide countless volunteering opportunities for the community..

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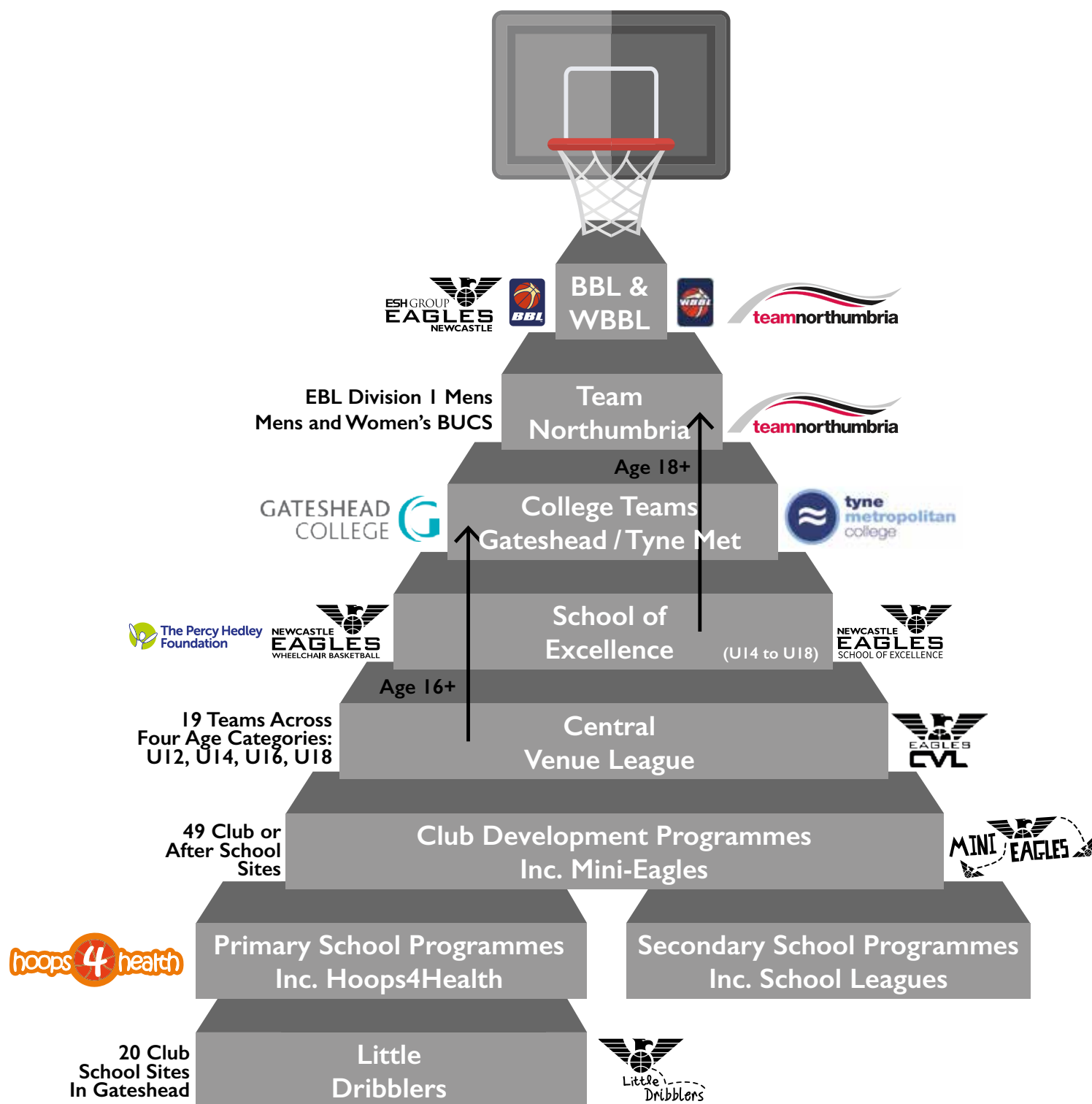
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PLAYER PATHWAY



PRIMARY SCHOOL PROGRAMMES

LITTLE DRIBBLERS



The Little Dribblers programme was created in 2016 and it has been very successful in the last two seasons with over 21 Primary Schools and over 1,000 children aged five to seven receiving basketball coaching for the first time.

The concept of the programme is to introduce basketball to children in Year 1 and 2. The sessions are delivered through breakfast clubs, curriculum sessions or afterschool clubs and the numbers are kept small to ensure the children receive individual attention.



The Little Dribblers takes place once a week over the 10-week period and can be played on either outdoor or indoor surface. Every school participating in a programme are provided with the mini basketballs and 6ft hoops.

The focus of the coaching is to teach specifically basketball handling, dribbling and shooting, as well as coordination and physical movement. This is done by ensuring it is enjoyable, fun and the children are learning new skills. Emphasis is on each child having fun within the framework of the exercises and games that are featured.

At the end of ten weeks the participating schools are invited to an Eagles home game where the participants receive a medal in front of the match night supporters. The children all receive a photo with the Eagles team at the end of a match with their medals.



PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS 2017-18:

- Brandling
- Caedmon
- Emmaville
- Riverside
- Crookhill
- Ryton Infants
- Harlow Green
- Dunston Hill
- Kells Lane
- St Peter's RCVA
- Kelvin Grove
- Larkspur
- Glynwood
- Lobley Hill
- Oakfield Infants
- Oakfield Juniors
- Portobello
- Ravensworth Terrace
- St. Joseph's RC
- Wardley



PRIMARY SCHOOL PROGRAMMES

MINI EAGLES



Mini Eagles is a programme which targets children aged 5-8 across years 1 and 2 Based at Gateshead Leisure Centre, attracting a total of 35 children. The sessions were based around children's developmental needs for their age group, with a strong emphasis placed on skill development.

The sessions were an invaluable access point for children from the surrounding Shipcote and Bensham areas. It also attracted participation across the North East including North Tyneside, South Tyneside, Sunderland, County Durham and Newcastle.

The sessions were driven around improving the players' competence in ball handling, shooting and developing fundamental movement skills. Underpinning all of the sessions was the element of fun, ensuring that the children developed at their own pace and played with a smile on their face.

Participants were invited to Eagles matches on group trips and at the end of the coaching block the majority of players then transitioned to their local ECF clubs where they have carried on in their participation to Cardinal Hornets, Kingsmeadow Royals and Ryton Rockets.



PRIMARY SCHOOL PROGRAMMES

HOOPS 4 HEALTH



INTRODUCTION

The Hoops 4 Health programme has engaged over a hundred primary and middle schools over the academic year.

The afternoon session is held within each of the schools and is delivered during an afternoon with four Eagles players in attendance. The afternoon session breaks down into a number of parts to teach the young people about health themes, importance of daily water intake and hydration, looking after the body and the benefits of exercise and physical activity. Students also engage in a basketball session and the round-up where they overview what they have learnt.

The partners involved during the year included:

- Esh Foundation
- Change4Life
- Gateshead Housing Company
- Newcastle City Council
- North Tyneside Council
- Northumbria Healthcare Trust Hospital Volunteer Service
- Northumbrian Water
- Tesco Bank

These partners along with the school themselves have enabled more than 5,000 young people to make informed decisions on the health choices as they move into teenage years and secondary school.

This year we engaged 86 primary or middle schools to participate from year 6, in addition to our long-standing year 5 programmes.



All schools involved within our Hoops 4 Health programme received a player-led roadshow, followed by four hours of coaching from either a community coach or development officer. Each school also had the chance to participate in their council tournament with each authority's top four teams progressing to the home of the Newcastle Eagles to play on the home court before and at half-time of a game.

Hoops 4 Health programmes run across six local education authorities:

- Gateshead
- Newcastle
- North Tyneside
- Northumberland
- South Tyneside
- Sunderland

PARTICIPATION NUMBERS: YEAR 5

GATESHEAD

SCHOOL	
Caedmon Community (Feeder to Kingsmeadow / Cardinal)	60
Crookhill Community	23
Dunston Hill Community	59
Emmaville	78
Falla Park Community	29
Front Street	60
Glynwood Community	90
Harlow Green	115
Kells Lane	60
Kelvin Grove	71
Larkspur Community	49
Lobley Hill Primary School	65
Oakfield Juniors	60
Ravensworth Terrace	30
Riverside Primary	27
South Street	35
St Agnes' Catholic	59
St Peter's Roman Catholic Voluntary Aided	61
TOTAL	1031

PARTICIPATION NUMBERS YEAR 5 - CONTINUED...

NEWCASTLE

SCHOOL	
Bridgewater Primary School	67
Byker Primary School	61
Central Walker CE Primary (Visit 1 of 2)	50
Central Walker Primary (Visit 2 of 2)	34
Gosforth Central Middle School	120
Gosforth East Middle School	120
Gosforth Jnr High Academy (Visit 1 of 2)	90
Gosforth Jnr High Academy (Visit 2 of 2)	90
Kenton Bar Primary School	39
St Oswalds Primary School	60
St. Alban's RC Primary School	28
St. Bede's RC Primary School	63
St. John's Primary School	60
St. Lawrence's RC Primary School	29
St. Michael's RC Primary School	60
St. Teresa's Catholic Primary School	66
St. Vincent's RC Primary School	30
Stocksfield Avenue Primary School	120
Tyneview Primary School (Visit 1 of 2)	30
Tyneview Primary School (Visit 2 of 2)	28
Walbottle Village Primary School	52
Walkergate Primary School (Visit 1 of 2)	90
Walkergate Primary School (Visit 2 of 2)	90
Welbeck Primary School	55
West Walker Primary School (Visit 1 of 2)	60
West Walker Primary School (Visit 2 of 2)	23
Wyndham Primary School	54
TOTAL	1669

NORTHUMBERLAND

SCHOOL	
Choppington Primary School	19
Croftway Primary School	60
Malvin's Close Primary School	60
Morpeth Road Primary School	120
Richard Coates C of E Middle	60
TOTAL	319

NORTH TYNESIDE

SCHOOL	
Balliol	25
Christ Church C of E Primary School	31
Collingwood Primary School	100
Denbigh	56
Ivy Road Primary School	26
King Edward Primary School	60
New York Primary School	49
Preston Grange Primary School	60
Redesdale	24
Richardson Dees	30
Shiremoor	54
Spring Gardens Primary School	60
St Columba's RC	54
Stephenson Memorial	47
Wellfield Middle School	79
Whitehouse Primary School	76
TOTAL	831



SOUTH TYNESIDE

SCHOOL	
Bede Burn	30
Biddick Hall Junior School	120
Cleadon Village C Of E Primary School	60
East Boldon Juniors	60
Forest View Primary School	75
Hadrian Primary	84
Harton Primary School	90
Holy Trinity	30
St Bedes RCVA Primary School	30
St Oswalds Rc Va Primary School	54
Stanhope Primary	60
TOTAL	693



SUNDERLAND

SCHOOL	
Farringdon	85
East Herrington	59
Barnes Junior School	90
Hill View	115
Richard Avenue	56
Seaburn Dene	58
St Cuthbert's RCVA	57
TOTAL	520



YEAR 5 PARTICIPANTS:
5,063



PARTICIPATION NUMBERS YEAR 6

This 2017 -18 academic year has shown the year 6 programme continuing to increase the number of schools participating to 55 primary or middle schools. This programme offers the year 6 pupils 4 hours of coaching and participation in a tournament with all six local authorities.

The Eagles Community Foundation coaches work with the children on basketball fundamentals of passing, dribbling, shooting and teamwork. The children will also play basketball games to get them ready for their year 6 tournament.

GATESHEAD

SCHOOL	
Bede Primary School	30
Caedmon Community Primary School	30
Emmaville Primary School	40
Falla Park Community Primary School	29
Glynwood Primary School	30
Harlow Green Primary School	60
Kelvin Grove Primary School	40
Larkspur Community Primary School	21
Ravensworth Terrace Primary School	30
Riverside Primary School	30
St Agnes Catholic Primary School	29
TOTAL	369

NEWCASTLE

SCHOOL	
Bridgewater Primary School	28
Byker Primary School	14
Gosforth Central Middle School	35
Gosforth East Middle School	30
Gosforth Junior High Academy	120
Kenton Bar Primary School	30
St Alban's RC Primary School	31
St Bede's RC Primary	31
St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School	30
St John's Primary School	15
St Lawrence's RC Primary School	25
St Michael's RC Primary School	30
St Oswald's Primary School	30
St Teresa's Catholic Primary	33
St Vincent's RC Primary School	26
Tyneview Primary School	28
Walbottle Village Primary School	24
Welbeck Primary School	48
West Walker Primary School	12
Wyndham Primary School	28
TOTAL	648





NORTHUMBERLAND

SCHOOL	
Choppington Primary School	15
Croftway Primary School	60
Morpeth Road Primary School	60
Richard Coates CofE Middle School	8
TOTAL	143

NORTH TYNESIDE

SCHOOL	
Balliol Primary School	30
Battle Hill Primary School	30
Christ Church CofE Primary School	30
Ivy Road Primary School	30
King Edward Primary School	60
New York Primary School	30
Preston Grange Primary School	30
St Columba's RC Primary School	24
Wellfield Middle School	60
TOTAL	324

SOUTH TYNESIDE

SCHOOL	
Biddick Hall Junior School	60
Forest View Primary School	60
Hadrian Primary School	42
Harton Primary School	90
St Aloysius RCVA Junior School	60
St Oswald's RCVA Primary School	26
Stanhope Primary School	30
St Aloysius RCVA Junior School	60
TOTAL	368

SUNDERLAND

SCHOOL	
Farringdon Primary School	43
Hill View Primary School	120
Seaburn Dene Primary School	28
St Cuthbert's RCVA Primary School	26
TOTAL	217

YEAR 6 PARTICIPANTS:
2,069



PROGRAMME OUTLINE

The programme is broken down into five stages which are delivered in schools, regional venues and at the home court of our BBL team.

Every part of the programme is delivered by the Eagles Community Foundation and these stages will be explained in further depth in the following pages.

STAGE 1 ROADSHOWS



STAGE 2 COACHING



STAGE 3 TOURNAMENTS

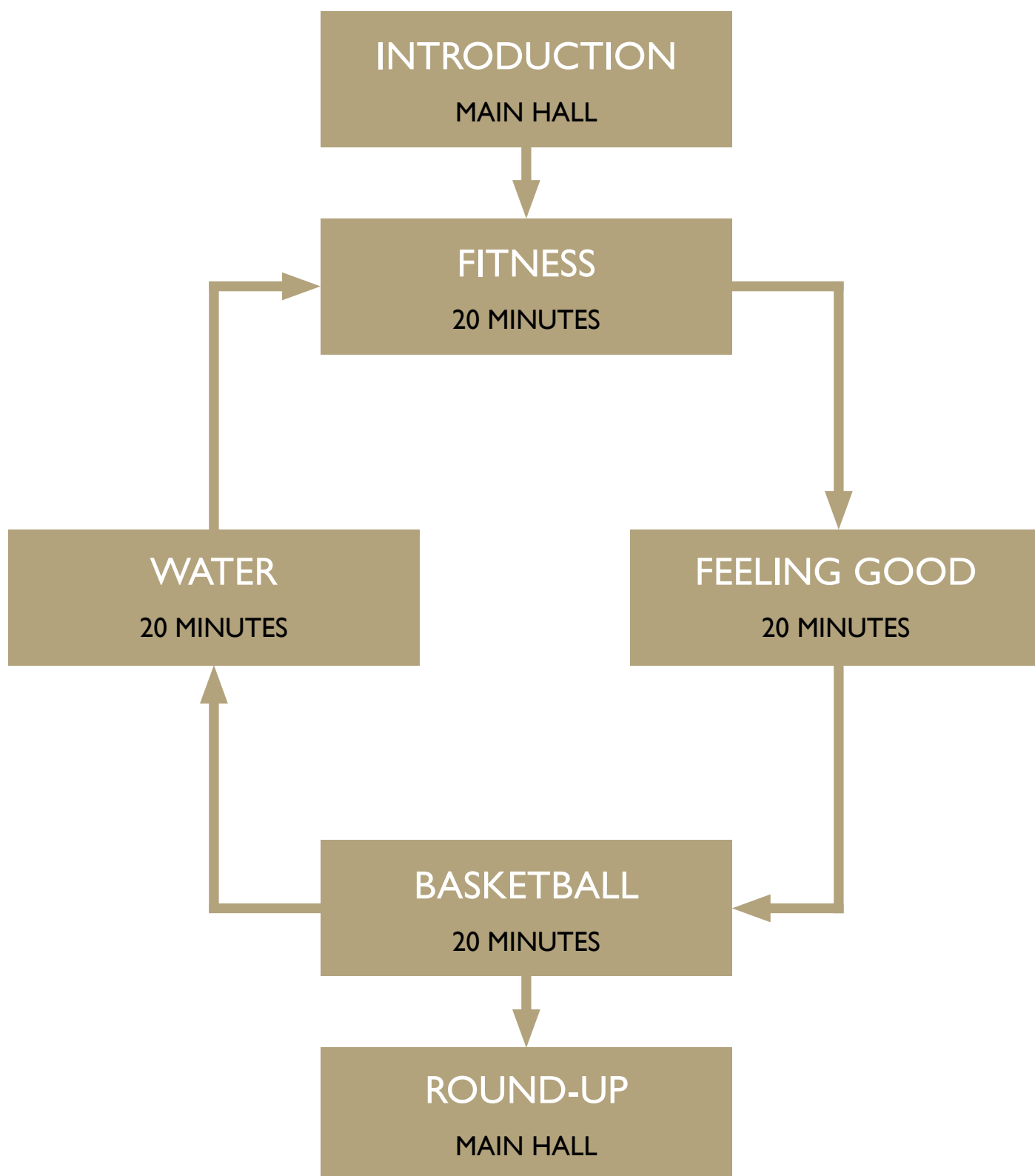


STAGE 4 TOURNAMENT FINALS



STAGE 5 CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS YEAR 5 ONLY



**STAGE I - ROADSHOWS**

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A healthy living roadshow is held within each of the schools and is delivered during an afternoon with four Eagles players in attendance.

The afternoon commences with an introduction to the roadshow in the school gym by the Eagles players announcing who they are and what healthy living stations they will be delivering.

FITNESS

The young people are asked numerous questions about certain human body parts; heart, lungs, liver and kidneys. They are asked why each of the body parts are important and what their function is. We also talk about how to monitor your heart rate through a pulse check, then we get everyone to check theirs whilst they are sitting and compare it against after performance. The young people are guided by the Eagles players as to why it is important to stay healthy with weekly exercise and hydration requirements. During this station they also took part in a 5-minute cardiovascular exercise regime such as, running on the spot, high knees and star jumps.

The participants are then divided into groups, rotating between the remaining stations and players.

FEELING GOOD

Our feeling good station, working together with Northumbria Healthcare Trust, was to try and encourage young people to feel good about themselves as well as others. It was trying to make them feel comfortable with receiving compliments. We start this station off with getting the children to write down things they are good at within their home, school and sports and then sharing with the rest of the group or with the person they are sat next to. The next task is getting them to think of "wow words" to encourage people, for example 'Amazing', 'Fabulous' or 'Incredible'. After this section we then look at what emoji's we could use to show someone that they are doing well without speaking, such as a thumbs up.

WATER

This station is designed and created in partnership with Northumbria Water to discuss the significance of daily water intake through tap water. Every child received

a water booklet which they could complete during the roadshow and take home to finish. The booklet included many facts on water and its positive effects on the body; concentration, performance, keeps your body cool etc. To strengthen the children's knowledge, a game of bingo was played at the end.

BASKETBALL

The aim was to promote being engaged in sport through a fun and interactive session. They were introduced into the multiple types of passing, basics on how to dribble and the importance of using both you left and right hand within the game. The group was then split into equal lines for a relay race competition using a mixture of dribbling and different skills (putting the ball around legs, waist and head). Basketball is a sport that both females and males can partake in regardless of ability, age or social class.

ROUND UP

Once the rotations are complete the young people all gather back into the hall where they started out. Outstanding awards are then handed out to specific young people for working hard throughout the afternoon. The Eagles players then carry out the 'clap' game for all the young people to participate and challenge themselves, the winner receives a ticket prize for their family to attend an Eagles home game.





STAGE 2 - COACHING

TESCO BANK JUNIOR PLAYERS

Following the roadshow each school receives basketball coaching via the Tesco Bank Junior Players programme in preparation for their local authority tournaments.

The Eagles Community Foundation coaches worked with the children in an exciting and engaging session to build confidence within basketball. The focus is on basketball fundamentals such as passing, dribbling, shooting and teamwork all within mixed ages and abilities.



STAGE 3 - YEAR 5

TOURNAMENTS

OVERVIEW

Schools participated in regional tournaments which were held in the following venues:

- **Newcastle**
 - Sport Central - Northumbria University
- **Sunderland**
 - City Space - Sunderland University
- **Gateshead**
 - Gateshead Leisure Centre
- **North Tyneside**
 - Lakeside Sport Centre
- **South Tyneside**
 - Temple Park Leisure Centre
- **Northumberland**
 - Ashington Leisure Centre

In the 2016-17 season our total number of teams reached an all-time high of 212. This has been increased to a new record of 230 teams participating this year.

During each of the tournaments club exit routes were promoted for continued participation within the sport on a weekly basis.

TEAMS TOTALS

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|--------------------------|----------|
| • Gateshead: | 58 teams |
| • Newcastle: | 56 teams |
| • Northumberland: | 10 teams |
| • North Tyneside: | 42 teams |
| • South Tyneside: | 36 teams |
| • Sunderland: | 28 teams |



REGIONAL BREAKDOWN

Gateshead - Gateshead Leisure Centre

- Number of teams: 58
- Number of young people: 580
- Teams progressing to the final:
 - Crookhill Primary
 - Glynwood Primary
 - St Agnes Catholic Primary
 - St Peter's RCVA Primary

Newcastle - Sport Central - Northumbria University

- Number of teams: 56
- Number of young people: 560
- Teams progressing to the final:
 - Byker Primary
 - Gosforth East Middle
 - St John's Primary
 - Walkergate Primary

Northumberland - Ashington Leisure Centre

- Number of teams: 10
- Number of young people: 100
- Teams progressing to the final:
 - Malvin's Close Primary A
 - Malvin's Close Primary B
 - Morpeth Road Primary
 - Richard Coates Middle

North Tyneside - Lakeside Leisure Centre

- Number of teams: 42
- Number of young people: 420
- Teams progressing to the final:
 - Ivy Road Primary
 - Stephenson Memorial
 - Preston Grange Primary
 - Redesdale Primary school

South Tyneside - Temple Park Leisure Centre

- Number of teams: 36
- Number of young people: 360
- Teams progressing to the final:
 - East Boldon Junior School
 - St Bede's RC Primary
 - St Oswald's RC Primary
 - Stanhope Primary

Sunderland - City Space - Sunderland University

- Number of teams: 28
- Number of young people: 280
- Teams progressing to the final:
 - Barnes Junior School
 - Farringdon Academy
 - Richard Avenue Primary
 - St Cuthbert's Primary

TOTAL NUMBER OF
TEAMS:

230

TOTAL NUMBER OF
YOUNG PEOPLE:

2,300



STAGE 4 - YEAR 5 TOURNAMENT FINALS

Following their coaching and regional tournaments the best teams from each region play-off for their regional title at Sport Central at half time in front of the 3,000 BBL game crowd.

Each final decides which teams go to the final stage hoping to be crowned Champion of Champions.

2017-18 REGIONAL WINNERS

GATESHEAD

Glynwood Primary

NEWCASTLE

Byker Primary

NORTHUMBERLAND

Richard Coates Middle

NORTH TYNESIDE

Preston Grange Primary

SOUTH TYNESIDE

St Bede's RC

SUNDERLAND

Richard Avenue

STAGE 5 - YEAR 5 CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

OVERVIEW

The winners from each of the six local authorities came together at Sport Central to compete in a round robin event before the Eagles home game.

The top two teams qualifying played at half time during the Eagles game to battle it out for overall Champion of Champions.

2017-18 CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

1. **Richard Avenue** – Sunderland
2. **Richard Coates Middle** – Northumberland
3. **Glynwood Primary** – Gateshead
4. **Byker Primary** – Newcastle
5. **Preston Grange Primary** – North Tyneside
6. **St Bede's RC** – South Tyneside

Congratulations to Richard Avenue who took the Champion of Champions trophy for the second time in a row for Sunderland!





STAGES 3 AND 4 - YEAR 6 TOURNAMENTS

OVERVIEW

This is the second year we have held our annual year 6 tournament with all six local authorities together at Sport Central Northumbria University.

The tournament saw 43 schools and 430 children fight it out for the annual year 6 winner champion title

TEAMS TOTALS

- Gateshead: 7 teams
- Newcastle: 16 teams
- Northumberland: 2 team
- North Tyneside: 10 teams
- South Tyneside: 5 teams
- Sunderland: 3 teams



FINAL RESULTS

This is our second year in a row running the year 6 tournament with all six local authorities together at Sports Central. Every team put in their best efforts and enjoyed the day, having lots of fun playing basketball. The two teams making it through to the finals were Gosforth Central from Newcastle and Seaburn Dene from Sunderland, both teams were eager to win the trophy.

Gosforth Central took the lead and as the clock counted down looked as though they were going to grab the win but Seaburn Dene spoilt the party when they grabbed the equaliser near the end of the game. The final whistle went with the scores tied at 2 -2. Each school selected one boy and one girl to go into a shootout. After each school took their 2 shots the schools were still tied. A further 2 shots each were taken and again the schools could not be separated. Going into the 3rd round of the shootout, which was a golden basket opportunity, Seaburn Dene narrowly missed and Gosforth Central Middle School netted their shot crowning them the new champions.

YEAR 6 WINNING TEAM 2017-18

Gosforth Central - Newcastle



TOTAL NUMBER OF
TEAMS:

43

TOTAL NUMBER OF
YOUNG PEOPLE:

430

CLUB DEVELOPMENT

COMMUNITY CLUBS



Community Clubs is the next step for those who are looking towards more structured coaching, having already been a part of curriculum session, school coaching or satellite clubs. Community Clubs also offer competitive basketball at a development level allowing players to compete against other clubs in the Eagles Central Venue League (CVL).

The Community Clubs programme aims to offer a level of sustainability which is achieved through weekly subs, memberships, fundraising and sponsorships. All club areas in the programme are at different levels dependant on factors varying from how long they have been in existence, to court availability and costs. Each individual club is targeted to run U10s, U12s, U14s, U16s & U18s with the target of 20 players turning up to each session.

The newest addition has been a huge success with U10's and Mini-Eagles session in great demand due to the increase in schools work at a younger age through the Little Dribblers programme. To move forward the next step will be introducing a competitive aspect for this age group as good practice before moving forward into the CVL.

The community clubs approach is very unique with players eligible to compete in the CVL without trials making the league open to mixed abilities. The growth of the community clubs programme continues to stimulate the CVL growing in order to compensate for the increase.

Each community club have a minimum of a level 2 head coach with various assistant coaches responsive to the size of the individual club. Level 1 assistant coaches are derived from players who have been a part of the community clubs programme along with parents. Through the foundation at least 2 level 1 courses and 1 level 2 course a year is held to maintain a high number of qualified coaches to offer support to the clubs and allow for the ability to grow.



COMPETITION STRUCTURE

EAGLES CENTRAL VENUE LEAGUE



The Eagles Central Venue League (CVL) has reached its 15th birthday and has grown from 4 teams to over 48 competing across 4 age groups: U12s, U14s, U16s & U18s. Newcastle East Griffins, Westgate Hoopstars, North Shields Basketball Club and Morpeth Basketball Club were the 4 original teams who are still heavily involved now.

The CVL is a foundation for players looking to participate and compete against similar level opponents. The league takes place in one central venue as the name suggests with all teams joining together to play their games. John Spence Community High School holds the games across 2 courts from 09:30-17:00. The league tends to run in a 12-14-week block starting in October and ending in June while split into 2 leagues to promote new teams joining mid-way through the season. Players start from as young as 6 years old up to 18, all providing a pathway for players to progress throughout the age groups into senior divisions.

A rookie League was introduced allowing ages 5-10 to enjoy a competitive experience in order to prepare young children to slowly progress through into the CVL. The first year became a huge success in Gateshead, with plans to open another rookie league in another location next year. The league provides opportunities for competition between players however we actively encourage former and current players to involve themselves with coaching and officiating within the league. Two thirds of our current officiating members have previously played or currently play in the CVL with all but a few progressing through the Eagles Player Pathway structure.

ECF hold courses to nurture players into being able to complete an officiating course as either referees and/or table officials. A referee mentor has been put in place to ensure all referees have support as they continuously develop their skills.

This year the officiating staff included:

- Alastair Langley
- Claire Harper
- Dan Kovacs
- Ed Corbett
- Gerda Morkunaite
- Jay Hawman
- Jess Weymes
- Marc Nichol
- Rafe Clark
- Sam Dobson
- Shaun Malone
- Susan Hunter

In conjunction with the officials being needed week to week a large number of coaches are present to guide players across games.

The coaches that attended week to week from the Eagles Community Foundation include:

- Alastair Langley
- Calvin George
- Chris Applewhite
- Corrine Vaughan
- Dan Kovacs
- Gavin Wright
- Graham Heath
- Greg Falcus
- James Anderson
- Jay Hawman
- Ryan Lathbury
- Shaun Malone



COMPETITION STRUCTURE

EAGLES ROOKIE LEAGUE



The newest and most exciting addition to the Eagles Community Foundation programme this year is Newcastle Eagles Rookie League.

The Eagles Rookie League sponsored by Intu is a turn up and play, fun and friendly way for kids in school years 1 through to 5 to get involved in playing basket-

ball, keeping fit and staying healthy. The league is held at Gateshead Leisure Centre every Sunday and is designed to be an enjoyable environment for kids with multiple fun competitions including prizes to win throughout the day and weekly.

The sessions are led by our ECF coaches with appearances from senior Eagles Coaching Staff in order to give the kids the best possible support before they graduate to represent their clubs as under 2 players at the CVL.

The Rookie League had new faces turn up to play every week along with returning players and it's because of the kid's hard work and determination that the Eagles Rookie League has been such a success with plans in place to extend the league into a second location in the Newcastle area.



THE 2017-18 CVL ALL-STARS

The CVL runs an annual All-Stars game which is played in the build up to a Newcastle Eagles home fixture with the selected players battling it out.

Each CVL coach is given the chance to nominate a number of their squad to be an All-Star player.

Players are split into their CVL age groups U12s, U14s, U16s & U18s. Every player selected receives a commemorative All-Stars t-shirt which is worn for the whole tournament and taken home by players to commend them for their outstanding play this season.

During the interval a number of players are chosen to wow the Eagles home crowd with their skills.

This year 80 players were nominated to be a 2017-18 All-Star player.



FURTHER EDUCATION ACADEMIES

GATESHEAD COLLEGE



The reputation of Gateshead College Basketball Academy (GCBA) has grown vastly and is widely recognised as a quality provider nationally.

Gateshead College offers competitive sporting opportunities for 16 to 19 year old students who are enrolled on a wide range of educational courses from GCSEs to Foundation degrees and BTECs to A-Levels.

The Basketball Academy has had some major success in recent years, being crowned regional Champions in 2016, 2017 and 2018, as well as winning the Academy Basketball League 'Northern Conference' in 2017, resulting in a National Finals appearance.

The academy caters for both developing and advanced players and implements a holistic and development focused approach to delivery.





BENEFITS OF JOINING THE ACADEMY

Student athletes can enjoy up to 10 hours of training, competition and Strength and Conditioning support alongside their studies. They also have the opportunity to represent Gateshead College in regional, national and Academy competition, while receiving coaching from a high calibre coach with National Team and professional experience.

Gateshead College finished 6th in Academy Basketball League this season and boasted a cohort of 32 players within the academy. The academy was also crowned Regional champions for the third year running and made the AOC National quarter-finals as a result.

The Academy Head Coach, Ian Macleod, is a level 3 qualified coach and alongside the college academy has a role as assistant coach of the British Basketball League powerhouses, Newcastle Eagles. Ian is also assistant coach for the England and Great Britain Under-18 men and has been head coach of the Academy for the last 8 years.

The rising Eagles star Themba Yabantu has progressed through 3 years with the Academy and made his professional debut in February 2017. Themba has developed tremendously in his time at Gateshead College and has drawn national attention with his performances. Next year he will graduate to Northumbria University to study Sport Science and play University basketball, while continuing his professional career with Newcastle Eagles.



FURTHER EDUCATION ACADEMIES

TYNEMET COLLEGE

North East Sports Academy
at TyneMet College

North East Sport Academy (NESA) is committed to coaching players of all abilities in a welcoming, supportive environment that encourages confidence, performance and personal development.

The NESAs Basketball Academy is structured to support players at any level of the game. High level, expert coaching and competition experience are combined in a professional sports setting. Our long-standing partnership with the Newcastle Eagles basketball team enhances learning - encouraging performance, determination and team work - whilst you master the skills for success.

The North East Sports Academy (NESA) is focused on developing your talent and sporting ambition alongside your academic studies. You can study any course at any of our campuses and enjoy the benefits of being part of NESAs.

As a NESAs Basketball Academy Athlete students benefit from:

- Exclusive subsidised training/playing/leisure kits
- Support with Scholarship Applications in USA.
- Up to 10 hours of training and competitive matches each week in superb on-site purpose-built facilities.
- Individually tailored strength and conditioning programmes.
- Sport-specific expert workshops in sport psychology, performance analysis and nutrition.
- Free unlimited access to the Flex Fitness Gym.
- Opportunity to gain basketball-specific coaching and officiating qualifications.
- Access to physiotherapy clinic for injury treatment.

Our Basketball Development centre will enhance your skills and expertise both on and off the court, improving your game and your confidence. For students looking to maximise their professional basketball skills and



athletic ability, the NESAs Basketball Academy is perfect. Expert coaches with a wealth of professional playing experience are ready to enhance student's passion for the game to an advanced level.

The NESAs Basketball Academy at Tyne Met College is ran by Head Coach Shaun Malone as part of a dual role that he shares with Newcastle Eagles Community Foundation where he is a Development Officer for the North Tyneside area. Shaun who is a previous student at Tyne Metropolitan College progressing from Level 2 Qualification through to a Foundation Degree was also part of the Newcastle Eagles School of Excellence from an early age as well as a part of the NESAs Basketball Academy in its first year of existence under Coach Marc Steutel.

This academic year has been a huge success on and off the court for all involved in NESAs. The academy has seen many learners that will be progressing into higher education and apprenticeships both internally and externally where they will continue towards their chosen career ambitions as well as continuing their basketball journey.

The Head Coach has regularly received positive feedback from curriculum staff across the college on how learners are transferring skills that they develop in basketball sessions into their academic lessons. Communication, confidence, motivation and teamwork are all example skills that our learners are encouraged to display throughout their learning experience.

Shaun's personal experience of life as a student at Tyne Metropolitan College as well as his understanding of the importance of being a student athlete encourages him to work closely with curriculum staff to ensure

that all his NESAs learners are most importantly achieving in their academic studies as well as progressing on the basketball court.

The competitive season came to an end with the annual North East Sports Academy Awards where learners from both our first and second teams were recognised for their successes on and off the court with award categories such as 'Player of The Year' and 'Student Athlete of The Year' handed out to the successful nominee's. Samantha Blake was in attendance to present the awards with previous students Lamar Morrison, Ross Wilson, Dominique Allen and Laura Watson all being inducted into the NESAs hall of fame. Looking forward to next academic year we will again have two competitive teams on offer for our learners as well as looking to offer a Basketball tour around Europe to again enhance the experience that a Tyne Metropolitan learner accesses.



NEWCASTLE EAGLES ACADEMY

SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE

The Newcastle Eagles School of Excellence is an elite program which compete in a Basketball England National Junior League.

The players' age varies from under 14 to 23. The trials take place in June and the players are selected from the Eagles Central Venue League (CVL).

We would like to thank each of this season's parents representatives for their dedication and support to the teams.

UNDER 23 MEN

DIVISION 4 NORTH

Head Coach: Graham Heath

Assistant: Jose A Lucas Cereto

Parents Rep: Rob Parkin

The debut season for our U23 Men's team which was created and thrown straight into a strong 4th tier of men's basketball.

Above all expectation the Eagles managed to finish 6th from 12 teams, joint on points with 3rd placed Blackpool - an outstanding achievement for a group of guys in their first season.

A positive win ratio accumulating 14 wins was a display of their success and the team will use this experience to push forward to into those playoffs' spots and fight for promotion next time.



	TEAM	W	L	PTS
1	Calderdale Explorers	19	2	38
2	Sheffield Sabres	17	5	34
3	Blackpool	14	7	28
4	Tameside	14	7	28
5	Kingston Panthers	14	6	28
6	Newcastle Eagles U23	14	8	28
7	Manchester Magic II	10	12	20
8	Myerscough College II	9	11	18
9	York Vikings	7	14	14
10	Stockport Falcons	5	16	10
11	Barrow Thorns	3	17	6
12	Sefton Stars	0	21	0

Last season's School of Excellence MVP Themba Yabantu alongside rising star Alex Horta Darrington helped the eagles along the way to a very promising first season. Ishmael Ingram and Ross Leckenby picked up Defensive player and Most improved awards respectively.

Although these 3 players were individually highlighted the whole teams progress throughout the season has not gone unnoticed and a huge credit to all players and staff on an exciting first year and we look forward to seeing what year 2 brings.

Most Valuable Player: Alex Horta Darrington

Most Improved Player: Ross Leckenby

Best Defensive Player: Ishmael Ingram





UNDER 18 WOMEN

PREMIER NORTH DIVISION

Head Coach: Corinne Vaughan

Parents Rep: Julie Totton

The Women competed in the 'Premier North' Division by head coach Corinne Vaughan for the 4th straight season. The persistence from both players and staff was evident on the court. Improvements from the previous season reflected in the results picking up 5 additional wins from the 2017-18 season and finishing in an extremely respectable 4th position.

	TEAM	W	L	PTS
1	Charwood College Riders	19	2	58
2	City of Sheffield Hatters	16	5	53
3	Manchester Mystics	15	6	51
4	Newcastle Eagles	11	10	43
5	Myerscough College Spinners	9	11	38
6	Stockport Lapwings	8	13	36
7	West Bromich Albion	3	17	25
8	City of Leeds	2	19	25

Orieoma Chukwu-Etu was the star of the show having come up from the U17 England Development Squad having pushed closely for a place in the England U18 women's team. Orieoma has progressed to training with WBBL players as a credit to her outstanding improvements over the year.

Most Valuable Player: Orieoma Chukwu-Etu

Most Improved Player: Jess Totton

Best Defensive Player: Sally Mills

UNDER 18 MEN

PREMIER NORTH DIVISION

Head Coach: Calvin George

Parents Rep: Julie Ridley

The team, sponsored again by Specialist Panels, competed in an extremely tough 'Premier North' Division.

Although the season was an extreme test for the group of Eagles players, they came out with an impressive 6th place, 1 up from the previous year including a bunch of impressive victories against higher ranked teams proving that they were certainly able to compete at the highest level.

	TEAM	W	L	PTS
1	Team Birmingham Elite	18	2	56
2	Myerscough College	18	2	56
3	Manchester Magic	15	5	50
4	Derby Trailblazers	14	6	48
5	Charnwood College Riders	13	7	46
6	Newcastle Eagles	8	12	36
7	City of Leeds	7	12	33
8	Cheshire Phoenix	6	14	32
9	Liverpool	5	14	28
10	Sheffield Junior Sharks	3	17	26
11	Cheshire Wire	2	18	24

The U18 Men had rising star Tosan Evbuomwan in their ranks who came up from Newcastle's Royal Grammar School, including being one of the final 16 players selected for the England U16 training camps. Tosan has continuously impressed since joining the ECF's Newcastle East Griffins' club and pushing forward his performance basketball with a 2nd consecutive MVP Award, that he previously won in the U16's last season.

Dan Ridley and Ben Spoors picked up Most Improved and Defensive Player awards respectively having both come through the Programme with the ECF before moving into the school of excellence as a representation of their outstanding quality shown.

Most Valuable Player: Tosan Evbuomwan

Most Improved Player: Dan Ridley

Best Defensive Player: Ben Spoors



UNDER 16 BOYS

PREMIER NORTH DIVISION

Head Coach: Sam Roxborough

Assistant: Jay Hawman

Parents Rep: Mandy Lewis

The Under 16 Boys competed in an extremely tough Premier Division North, where they faced some of the hardest opponents in junior basketball. Although finishing 8th out of the 9 teams, the U16 boys can take invaluable match experience from the season which can be used to move forward.

Sauveur Kande started his basketball journey as part of our Change for Life program in the East end of Newcastle at Byker Primary School. He was a star player in the Hoops for Health programme where went on to join the Newcastle East Griffins Club and continued playing and studying at the Benfield School. He took part in The Newcastle Eagles Academy Trials and was selected to compete in the National Junior Elite Programme at U16's. Sauveur has a bright future ahead of him.

Most Valuable Player: Sauveur Kande

Most Improved Player: Daniel Hunt

Best Defensive Player: Ben Proctor

	TEAM	W	L	PTS
1	Manchester Magic	15	1	46
2	Northamptonshire Titans	13	3	42
3	Mansfield Giants	12	4	40
4	Sheffield Junior Sharks	9	6	33
5	Cheshire Phoenix	6	10	28
6	Trafford	6	10	28
7	City Of Birmingham	6	9	27
8	Newcastle Eagles	3	13	22
9	Cheshire Wire *	1	15	17



UNDER 14 BOYS

PREMIER NORTH DIVISION

Head Coach: Aaron Thompson

Assistant: James Anderson

Parents Rep: David Millican

Our Under 14 Eagles played in the 'Premier North' Division for the first season after their impressive promotion from the 'North Conference' last year.

Last year the team got a chance to experience Premier Division life with their playoff game against winner Manchester Magic and managed to prove their worth in the division winning 11 games in total and finishing in an extremely impressive 4th place for season one.

	TEAM	W	L	PTS
1	City of Birmingham	19	2	59
2	Manchester Magic	19	2	59
3	City of Leeds Gold	13	8	47
4	Newcastle Eagles	11	10	43
5	Manchester Giants	10	11	41
6	Sheffield Junior Sharks	7	14	35
7	Leicester Riders	5	16	31
8	Cheshire Wire	0	21	21

Leo Leperrier started his basketball journey playing and studying at the Conset Academy, whilst training with the Durham Wildcats. He came to the Newcastle Eagles programme through the Griffins Club and is currently playing for our Eagles U16 School of Excellence as well as being part of the Aspire programme and on the radar for the national team's program. Prior to this season he was part of the Eagles U14 academy team. Leo is a star player who stands around 6ft 5inches and can lead the team by playing every position on the floor.

Most Valuable Player: Leo Leperrier

Most Improved Player: Joe Hansom

Best Defensive Player: Sebastian Sloan

END OF SEASON AWARDS

Across the whole School of Excellence two awards are presented, first Most Valuable Player and second the Rachel Rushton Award. Both awards are held in great esteem across the programme and are awarded to individuals who have gone above and beyond what is expected.

School of Excellence player of year goes beyond just the playing on the court although this is an important element. It involves sportsmanship, respect to coaches, officials and their teammates.

It should act as a motivator both for players to push themselves to achieve this recognition as well as the player receiving it to motivate them to work even harder in the future.

School of Excellence Most Valuable Player

Tosan Evbuomwan



The Rachel Rushton Memorial Shield was kindly donated by her family after she tragically passed away after a long fight against cancer. Rachel and her family have been strong supporters of the School of Excellence for over 9 years with Rachel's son Chris coming right through our ranks. The shield is awarded to the programs over all Most Improved Player.

Rachel Rushton Award

Jess Totton



WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL

PERCY HEDLEY EAGLES



The Newcastle Eagles Wheelchair Basketball Club aims to give people of all abilities, ages and genders the chance to take part in an exciting and fast paced sport.

As well as doing inclusive events within their own community, the Eagles also deliver sessions to injured soldiers who are part of the Help for Heroes campaign. All members of the Percy Hedley Eagles are included within the national competitions that occur throughout the year.

Newcastle Eagles are competing at the top level with the 17-18 team participating in the NL Second Division North facing long standing, more experienced teams. The Eagles picked up some great results and most importantly, gained valuable experience for the upcoming seasons.

The Wheelchair Basketball programme have over fifteen junior players now engaged within the sport on a weekly basis training out of Percy Hedley Sports Academy, some of the juniors have represented the North East at the junior championships- look forward to seeing young players become Paralympic stars in the future.



BBL TEAM

ESH GROUP EAGLES NEWCASTLE

SAAH NIMLEY



Charleston Southern
Height: 5'8"
Place of birth: Georgia, USA

THEMBA YABANTU



Gateshead College
Height: 5'10"
Place of birth: Newcastle, England

AJ BASI



University of Manitoba
Height: 5'11"
Place of birth: Winnipeg, Canada

JURE GUNJINA



Georgia Southwester
Height: 6'7"
Place of birth: Zagreb, Croatia

DARIUS DEFOE



Hackney College
Height: 6'7"
Place of birth: London

ZARKO JUKIC



Height: 6'8"
Place of birth: Copenhagen, Denmark

FABULOUS FLOURNOY



McNeese State
Height: 6'4"
Place of birth: New York, USA

ANDREW LASKER



Point Loma Nazarene University
Height: 6'4"
Place of birth: Texas, USA

JAMAL WILLIAMS



Regina University
Height: 6'5"
Place of birth: Regina, Canada

KAI WILLIAMS



South Dakota State
Height: 6'6"
Place of birth: Regina, Canada

JAYSEAN PAIGE



West Virginia
Height: 6'2"
Place of birth: New York, USA



BBL TEAM

HISTORY

SEASON	DIV	POS	PLD	W	L	PTS	PLAY OFFS	TROPHY	CUP
1996–1997	BBL	7th	36	21	15	42	Quarter-final	1st Round	Semi-final
1997–1998	BBL	3rd	36	25	11	50	Quarter-final	Semi-final	4th Round
1998–1999	BBL	5th	36	21	15	42	Quarter-final	Quarter-final	Semi-final
1999–2000	BBL N	6th	36	10	26	10	DNQ	Quarter-final	1st Round
2000–2001	BBL N	3rd	36	20	16	40	1st Round	Runner-up	Quarter-final
2001–2002	BBL N	3rd	32	17	15	34	Quarter-final	Quarter-final	Quarter-final
2002–2003	BBL	5th	40	25	15	50	Semi-final	Semi-final	Quarter-final
2003–2004	BBL	6th	36	18	18	36	Quarter-final	1st Round	Quarter-final
2004–2005	BBL	2nd	40	31	9	62	Winners	Winners	Quarter-final
2005–2006	BBL	1st	40	30	10	60	Winners	Winners	Winners
2006–2007	BBL	3rd	36	25	11	50	Winners	Runner-up	Semi-final
2007–2008	BBL	1st	33	29	4	58	4th	Runner-up	Runner-up
2008–2009	BBL	1st	33	28	5	56	Winners	Winners	Runner-up
2009–2010	BBL	1st	36	31	5	62	Semi-final	Winners	Quarter-final
2010–2011	BBL	2nd	33	24	9	48	Semi-final	Semi Final	Semi Final
2011–2012	BBL	1st	30	23	7	46	Winners	Winners	Winners
2012–2013	BBL	2nd	33	25	8	50	Runner-up	Quarter final	Runner-up
2013–2014	BBL	1st	33	28	5	56	Runner-up	Quarter final	Runner-up
2014–2015	BBL	1st	36	31	5	58	Winners	Winners	Winners
2015–2016	BBL	2nd	33	28	5	56	1st Round	Runner-up	Winners
2016–2017	BBL	2nd	33	23	10	46	Runner-up	Quarter final	Winners
2017–2018	BBL	3rd	33	22	11	44	Quarter final	Quarter final	Quarter final



THE FUTURE

EAGLES COMMUNITY ARENA

Eagles Community Foundation have been working in partnership to construct a new mass participation sports arena opening in January 2019. The Eagles Community Arena (ECA) serves the west end of Newcastle and the region.

The partners are Newcastle Eagles, Newcastle City Council, Sport England, North East Local Enterprise Partnership and Newcastle College.

The new arena has been situated on a main arterial road into the city, close to the campus of Newcastle College, on Riverside Dene which is located in the



Elswick Ward in Newcastle. It will incorporate a 2,200 m² sports hall with 2,800 seats, equalling the largest indoor hall space in the region.

The facility also comprises of a large foyer space, a café on the ground floor, a multi-purpose space and a gym on the first floor.

The arena will deliver all-year sporting, leisure and community activities for the community. The arena will become the home for Eagles Community Foundation (ECF) and its grassroots basketball programme. The venue will become home to Newcastle Eagles Basketball Club, the most successful team in British basketball history.

Development of the arena has widespread support from the local community, Newcastle College, and other partner organisations. The new facility will encourage and facilitate a wide range of sporting and community activities, catering for grassroots programmes for all ages and abilities, from toddlers programmes to senior European club competitions and even Great Britain international events. The facility build will complete the regeneration of this locality.



APPENDICES

HOOPS4HEALTH SCHOOLS FEEDBACK



"Just wanted to let you know that the H4H session with Darius, Jaysean and Terry was absolutely fantastic. For it being their first session it was brilliant, they were all fab with the children and all staff commented on their delivery of the materials. We like the new mental health/well-being materials and session by the way. I love the way the resources and sessions are updated and tweaked each year.

Darius always does a brilliant job leading the session but hats off to Jaysean and Terry being in the country such a short time and delivering the sessions as they did- the children absolutely loved the afternoon".

Tracey,

Preston Grange.

"Just a quick message to say thank you so much for visiting my sons school today. Your guys visited East Boldon Juniors and Jack has talked about nothing else all night. He was so excited to meet your assistant coach and players from the team".

"It's a great thing to promote health and sport with kids... keep up the good work".

"Jack did get one of your golden tickets for the London lions match but sadly he is at cub camp that weekend so can't make it. I guess we'll have to make it up to him and bring him and his brother along soon.

Thanks again!".

Neil Fuller,

East Boldon Juniors.

"Yesterday was absolutely great. The players were absolutely brilliant with the children and it was enjoyed by all. Thank you!".

Ashleigh,

Spring Gardens Primary School.

"Just wanted to say thanks to everyone for yesterday's hoops4health the kids loved it and the guys put on great sessions as always. Thank you!"

Ben Ord,

Chantry Middle School.

"I thought the programme was a real success. The children were very engaged in each session and couldn't wait until the next session"

"Every child made progress with their individual basketball skills. They also improved their ability to work collaboratively in team games".

"The Hoops 4 Health Roadshow was also an excellent afternoon. The Newcastle Eagles players and Taylor showed great enthusiasm and ensured that all of the children enjoyed the afternoon. The children were again able to develop their basketball skills, but they were also taught the importance of keeping our teeth healthy and about the importance of water".

Kevin Hughes,

Battle Hill Primary School.



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