



Faster, Higher, Stronger

Scenario

One day you or someone you know will be standing in an Olympic or Commonwealth stadium while the athletes' oath is taken.

"In the name of all competitors I promise that we shall take part in these Olympic Games respecting and abiding by the rules which govern them, committing ourselves to a sport without doping and without drugs, in the true spirit of sportsmanship, for the glory of sport and the honour of our teams."

Make a well-founded judgement, can we live up to the true spirit of sportsmanship?



Exploratory Environment

Dear Parents

We are about to start a new social studies Quest called 'Faster, Higher, Stronger.' This unit of work has been developed here at Birkdale Intermediate. Our students work in pairs to answer the question posed in the scenario.

They search a multimedia resource listening to video interviews and reading newspaper articles. The Quest is used to teach the Social Organisation section of the National Social Studies Curriculum. Our students look in depth at, 'Understanding that events have causes and effects.'

Ways in which you could support your child during this study:

- If anyone from your family or circle of friends has attended an Olympic or Commonwealth Games, either as an athlete or spectator please ask them to share their experiences, photographs etc.
- Visit the local library for books on Olympic and Commonwealth athletes. Look for biographies with information on the struggles the athlete had to overcome.
- Cut out any newspaper and magazine articles on the Olympic or Commonwealth Games. Particularly any that show the difficulties faced by athletes.
- Visit our school library to view our collection of Olympic and Commonwealth Games memorabilia which include a real Olympic torch from the 1980 Moscow Olympics.



David Kosoof's medal, men's hockey, XVII Commonwealth Games, Manchester, England 2002



Barbara Kendall
Athens Olympics, 2004

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Yours sincerely

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