

## **Michelle Bavington, School Games Organiser for Welwyn Hatfield Welwyn and Hatfield School Games Partnership**

I just wanted to take the opportunity to introduce myself as the School Games Organiser for Welwyn and Hatfield. I'm Michelle Bavington and will be based at the Sir Frederic Osborn School. I'm responsible for coordinating the School Games Competitions for both primary and secondary schools in Welwyn and Hatfield, along with the assigned teacher in the partnerships secondary schools. We have decided to rename the partnership in light of the new School Games initiative as 'The Welwyn and Hatfield School Games Partnership'

It is our responsibility to boost the existing work that has been going on over the past 5 years in the partnership to create a calendar of competitions in the run up to the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games. The School Games is a celebration of competitive sport that will involve all young people in years 3 to 13, of all abilities and backgrounds.

To date the next academic years competitions have been set and we have tried to include a variety of different sports into the calendar such as Badminton, Boccia, High 5 Netball, Trampolining, Athletic, Rowing and many more. The winners from our partnership competitions will feed into the County Competitions organised by NGB's which will then feed into National competitions.

The Introduction of Change4Life Clubs in primary schools will be happening over the next term and it provides us with a great opportunity with work with our targeted primary schools to encourage their young people to live a healthy lifestyle through the health and wellbeing agenda. The Change4Life clubs introduced into the secondary schools last will be continuing this year too.

We will be recruiting new Young Ambassadors this year and we will be sending our Gold and Platinum Ambassadors to the National Young Ambassadors Conference in Twickenham in November.

I'm very excited about the year ahead and will work hard to ensure we provide our young people with the pathways to participate in school sport.