

IMMEDIATE

Friday 12 November 2004

MEDIA INVITE:

Monday 15 November 2004

9.30am-12.30pm

St Joseph's RC High School and Sport College,
Chorley New Road,
Horwich,
Bolton BL6 6HW

PARALYMPIC STARS TO SHARE EXPERIENCES WITH PUPILS TO CELEBRATE EDUCATION INTERNATIONAL WEEK

Paralympic athletes from swimming, judo, track and field and basketball will be joining 200 pupils at St Joseph's RC High School and Sport College on Monday 15 November as part of NASUWT's commitment to Education International Week.

The seven athletes will share their experiences, give demonstrations and talk about developments within the games with students at the college, one of the first schools to take part in the Paralympic and National Curriculum Project.

NASUWT has been working with the British Paralympic Association (BPA) and the DfES over the past four years to develop the Project which aims to encourage pupils to break down misconceptions of disability by looking at the person first.

The event is also in support of London's 2012 Olympic bid where the Paralympics will form an integral part.

Chris Keates, General Secretary of NASUWT, the largest union representing teachers and headteachers throughout the UK, said:

"NASUWT is proud to be working with the British Paralympic Association to celebrate Education International Week.

"The achievements of the paralympic athletes visiting St Joseph's RC High School will show pupils that people should be judged only on their abilities, nothing else.

"NASUWT will continue its work with the BPA to roll out the Paralympic and National Curriculum Project into schools."

Paralympic stars at Monday's event:

- Sascha Kindred - silver medallist in Atlanta; gold, silver and bronze in Sydney; and two gold in Athens for swimming;
- Danny Crates - gold for 800m in Athens, semi-finalist for 400m in Sydney;
- Simon Jackson - gold in Seoul, Barcelona and Atlanta; bronze in Sydney; and Athens team member for judo;
- Sinclair Thomas - bronze in Athens for wheelchair basketball;
- Ade Orogbemi - Athens squad member for wheelchair basketball;
- Ernie Gould - three times paralympic field athlete;
- Rachel Potter - Atlanta and Athens shot and wheelchair racer.

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Notes to Editors:

1. Members of the media are invited to attend the event. Please confirm your place with NASUWT Press Office on 020 7420 9670.
2. NASUWT can provide photographs after the event. Please contact Robin Hammond, Icon Photography, on 07866 489 959 for details.
3. The event has been organised by Martin Mansell, NASUWT/BPA Education Programme Manager.
4. Pat Lerew, NASUWT National President, will be at the event to represent NASUWT.

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