

FEBRUARY 2017

WINNERS AT THE HERALD SPORTS AWARDS



Head of KS4, Steve Mooney and Year 12 student, Matt Dixon were amongst the winners at this year's Herald Sports Awards.

They picked up their awards for Sports Teacher of the Year and Young Sports Personality of the Year from former Olympic swimmer, Sharon Davies, at the glittering ceremony.

Steve Mooney was recognised for over 20 years' experience in teaching sport and volunteering, and for his role as a former England Squash and RFU coach. Steve, who also teaches the BTEC Extended Diploma in Sport, was particularly chosen for helping shy students to develop their confidence and achieve their full potential

Year 12 Matt Dixon, one of Plymouth's most promising young divers, beat off competition from five other young hopefuls. Matt won Gold at the LEN European Junior Diving Championships

last year and attended the Rio Olympics Training Camp. He takes part in the school's High Performance Sports Programme alongside his studies.

Year 13 modern pentathlon student, Kerenza Bryson, was the youngest athlete to be nominated for The Sports Personality of the Year Award. She took to the stage alongside Olympic and England champions, Ben Proud, Giselle Ainsley, Heather Knight, Nicole Noble, Sarah Barrow and Tonia Couch.

Both Matt and Kerenza were also honoured in the Sports Scholars list alongside up and coming young athletes from the City.

Other shortlisted finalists from the school included Dan Gill for Sports Teacher of the Year and Jon Rhodes for Sports Administrator of the Year.

NEW PRINCIPAL APPOINTED



We're delighted to announce the appointment of Mr Mark Cahill as the new Principal of Plymouth Studio School.

Mark joins us from Ivybridge Community College where he was Assistant Principal. He has over 19 years' experience in education, including a number of the City's schools.

A former student at Marjon, Mark also played for Plymouth Raiders basketball team for seven years, competing at national level and for the English Universities squad.

Mark comments, "I'm extremely excited to be joining the school and looking forward to creating an exciting balance of teaching and learning alongside the school's unique sports performance and sport careers programmes.

"Having played sport at national level, I know the importance of balancing academic studies with training and competition programmes, and how important it is to be in an environment where your needs as both an athlete and a student are understood.

"With its world-class sports facilities on-site, Olympic and Commonwealth level coaches and the opportunity for young athletes to study alongside their training, the school provides the perfect mix when it comes to discovering and developing the City's next generation of Olympic athletes and sports professionals."

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

OPEN EVENING: 30th March 2017 (Yrs 10 & 12)

APPLICATION DEADLINE (YR 12): 17th April 2017

NEXT TERM DATES: 21st February – 31st March

BEN PROUD GIVES OFFICIAL SEAL OF APPROVAL



Olympic swimmer and Marjon student, Ben Proud met with students and members of the City's sporting and business community when he officially opened our new building earlier this term.

Ben unveiled our school values of Integrity, Courage, Teamwork, Respect and Resilience in a new Olympic themed sign in the atrium and met up with our Year 13 High Performance Sports Programme students. Year 12 students were on hand to welcome guests and show them around the building.

The evening was hosted by local MP, Johnny Mercer and sports coaches and

representatives from Marjon, Plymouth Argyle, Leander, Phoenix Gymnastics, Plymouth Rowing, Tavistock Badminton, Devonport Services RFU, Mayflower Volleyball and Swim Elite attended the event.

Ben Proud comments, "The new school provides the perfect environment to start nurturing the city's next generation of sporting champions and sports professionals from as early as Year 10."

Jon Rhodes, Head of Sports Performance adds, "It was fantastic for students to meet Ben and to see what can be achieved through hard work and focus."

SUE JOINS TEAM



Plymouth Pilgrim's netball coach and player, Sue Gullick, has joined the coaching team at Plymouth Studio School.

Sue, who has over 40 years' experience, has also coached at England Netball Academies.

Students taking part in the coaching include Year 12 Mia Cardrew, who was awarded PDNL Young Player of the Year 2016 and most recently put in an appearance for the Pilgrim's' regional ladies squad against Hucclecote.

Sue explains, "My ambition is to get players like Mia playing at regional league level as this is a real opportunity for them to have their talent spotted and progress on to the regional academy."

SPORTS ROUND-UP

It's been an exciting start to the sporting year for our swimmers and some of our high performance sports students.



Year 10 student, Rhys Roffey, has been selected to join the GB Taekwondo Talent Programme designed to develop athletes for the 2020/2024 Olympics and represent GB in national and international competitions.

He'll attend 3 probationary sessions over the next three months in readiness for the new Talent pathway in April.

Our swimmers recently put on a medal winning performance at the Devon Swimming Championships with Callum Rayment (Yr 13) picking up a Gold and Bronze, Joe Tibbetts (Yr 13) taking three Bronze medals, Adam Davies (Yr10) winning two Golds and Harry Nobel picking up a Bronze in the 100 Individual medley.

Year 12 diver, Matt Dixon, won a Gold in the Synchro Diving and Bronze in the Men's platform at the recent National Diving Cup held at Plymouth's Life Centre.

Year 13 modern pentathlete, Kay Bryson, was ranked the top performing GB athlete at the recent Indoor Championships in Barcelona where she finished 8th overall.

Well done to all our students who have been competing and playing sport at every level both at school and with their own clubs this term.



Year 12 students will be taking part in a special Sport & Health Science Discovery Day with Marjon in March. They'll get a chance to take part in workshops based around Sport Development & Coaching, Sport Therapy and Health Sciences, tour the campus and meet students.

Any Year 12 or 13 students interested in taking part in Marjon's free Summer School (Sport & Health Science) from Monday 31st July – Thursday 3 August should contact Marjon on visitus@marjon.ac.uk