

YOUTH SPORT TRUST

PRESS RELEASE

MIDPOINT CENTRE CELEBRATES NATIONAL AWARD SUCCESS

A school in Wolverhampton has picked up a prestigious national award during the Youth Sport Trust's 2020 Conference for helping its pupils to improve their wellbeing and achievement through the power of sport.

Midpoint Centre was presented with the national children's charity's Outstanding School Award by Tanya Marchant, PGL during a ceremony in Coventry on 27 February.

The award, sponsored by PGL, recognises a school which has harnessed the power of physical activity, PE and sport to transform the lives of young people.

Across the past year, the school has seen positive engagement with the YST through a range of programmes. These include Girls Active, leadership, and also School Games, resulting in being a leading example on how to engage Alternative Provision in competitive school sport. Both subject lead and Headteacher delivered at the national summit, with the audience sharing how this was the 'most informative session they have ever attended', which stretched even the most experienced of school sport workforce.

Ali Oliver, Chief Executive of the Youth Sport Trust, said:

"The Youth Sport Trust would like to congratulate Midpoint Centre for winning the prestigious Outstanding School Award. It has demonstrated a huge commitment to improving the lives of its pupils through the power of sport."

A total of six awards were presented at the Youth Sport Trust Awards Dinner. As the charity celebrates its 25th Anniversary in 2020, it introduced three new awards to mark the occasion.

The wider Youth Sport Trust 2020 Conference took place earlier in the day on 27 February with more than 700 headteachers, school sport professionals and businesses in attendance. The event saw Andy Grant, who went on to become a Paralympian after losing his leg serving in Afghanistan, share his dramatic life story at an opening address demonstrating how the power of sport can help people overcome the most extreme obstacles.

Other high-profile speakers at the Awards evening included England Rugby Union coach Eddie Jones and Will Bayley, British professional Paralympic table tennis player, ranked world number 1.

Attendees at the Conference also had the chance to network, make new connections, and take part in workshops.

For more information please visit www.youthsporttrust.org/yst-conference

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Full list of Award winners:

YST Outstanding School – 25th Anniversary Award (sponsored by PGL) - John Spence Academy

YST Outstanding Community Contribution – 25th Anniversary Award - Flixton Girls' School

YST Outstanding Community Contribution – 2020 Award - South Shore Academy

YST Outstanding Young Person – 2020 Award (sponsored by ESPO) – Brandon Lowe

YST Outstanding Young Person – 25th Anniversary Award (sponsored by ESPO) - Lauren Asquith

Notes to editor:

About the Youth Sport Trust:

The Youth Sport Trust is a children's charity working to ensure every child enjoys the life-changing benefits that come from play and sport. It has 25 years expertise in pioneering new ways of using sport to improve children's wellbeing and give them a brighter future.

The charity works with more than 20,000 schools across the UK and operates on a local, national and global level. It harnesses the power of sport, physical activity and PE to build life skills, connections between people and support networks which increase life chances through greater attainment, improved wellbeing and healthier lifestyles. www.youthsporttrust.org

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