



Sainsbury's

2012 SCHOOL GAMES



Dear Headteacher,

SAINSBURY'S 2012 SCHOOL GAMES

Pupil name: Abigail Brookshall

I am delighted to notify you of the selection of one of your pupils to compete at the Sainsbury's 2012 School Games in London from Sunday 6 – Wednesday 9 May 2012. This is a fantastic achievement which reflects not only the individual efforts of your pupil but also the support of your school in helping them balance their educational and sporting commitments. Thank you for your role in this.

The Sainsbury's 2012 School Games is the pinnacle of the nationwide School Games competition for the best school-aged athletes in the UK. The last day of sports events will take place in the Olympic Park and will include competition in the Olympic Stadium, Velodrome and Aquatics centre venues. It is a wonderful opportunity for school age athletes to be part of a multi-sport event and to have an insight into competing at the highest level. With a total of twelve sports, around 1650 competitors, and around 30,000 spectators, the event promises to be a fantastic celebration of competitive youth sport. In addition, the Athlete Education programme means that your pupil will access the latest innovative support for talented young sportspeople.

Due to the timing of this event some pupils may be required to seek authorised absence for some or all of the period of Sainsbury's 2012 School Games. The event begins on the Sunday 6 May with an induction to the venues, team and sport meetings, and the Opening Ceremony, and concludes on Wednesday 9 May with the Closing Ceremony at the end of the day's events. All competitors will travel as part of a team returning home on the evening of Wednesday 9 May. I appreciate accommodating such absence is not easy in the summer term, but given the scale, level and unique status of this event and the learning opportunity it presents for a gifted and talented pupil, I would be grateful of your support.

Many congratulations once again on the selection of one of your pupils. The Sainsbury's 2012 School Games promises to be a fantastic celebration of competitive youth sport and I hope that it will inspire the competitors to go for gold in the spirit of friendship and fair play. Please visit www.2012schoolgames.com for further information on the event and www.yourschoogames.com for the latest on School Games in your area.

Yours sincerely,

Rt Hon Jeremy Hunt MP
Secretary of State for Culture, Olympics, Media and Sport

