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Barnsley is the Official Partner of Newham: Principal Host Borough of the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games



Barnsley handed its chance to shine!

Barnsley has been announced as a key venue for the London 2012 Torch Relay as it travels the country through 1,000 villages, towns and cities. Thousands of people throughout Barnsley will have the opportunity to welcome the Olympic Torch as the Relay Route travels through Monk Bretton to Darton via the town centre for a 'lunch time celebration event' on Monday 25th June. The celebration will allow every Barnsley resident to share in the excitement of the Torch Relay and celebrate the achievements of the chosen Torchbearers. Cllr Stephen Houghton CBE, Barnsley Council Leader, said "The visit of the Torch Relay on June 25 next year will mark the start of Barnsley's Games time programme, making the most of our unique relationship with the Principal 2012 Host Borough and allowing everyone from Barnsley to be inspired by the biggest, most exciting event on the planet." Barnsley's place on the London 2012 Torch Relay route is both recognition and reward for the way in which the town has been at the forefront of delivering a legacy from London 2012 right across the country. Sebastian Coe, Chair of LOCOG said: 'We are thrilled to confirm that Monk Bretton, Barnsley town centre and Darton will act as host locations for the Olympic Flame, extending an invitation to people in Barnsley to welcome the Olympic Torch Relay during its journey around the UK. This is the UK's moment to shine and I want to encourage people across Barnsley to start planning how they can be part of this once in a lifetime opportunity and show their support for the inspirational Torchbearers chosen to carry the Olympic Flame as we count down to the start of the Olympic Games.'





Michael Dugher inspires Barnsley students

Michael Dugher, Barnsley East MP, invited a group of students from Kirk Balk, Barnsley Academy and Shafton ALC down to London for a guided tour of the House of Commons followed by a Q&A session. Michael took the time out to lead the tour himself, sharing memories and experiences as a Member of Parliament. The students found Michael's insights of the House of Commons very interesting and inspiring. Following on from the tour the students were given the opportunity to have a sit down

with Michael to ask him questions they had been working on prior to the trip. Their final activity of the day was a tour around the Olympic Park both on coach and on foot, with a stop off at the View Tube for an up-close and personal view of the Olympic Stadium. The students found out about the different Olympic venues within Newham, London, including the history of the design and construction and what will happen to each venue once the Games is over.

London 2012 posters unveiled

The official posters for the London 2012 Games, designed by 12 of the UK's leading artists, have been unveiled. The selection of established artists have produced a series of posters to help promote and celebrate the Games and/or embody the values of the Olympics and Paralympics. Each image is a distinctive interpretation of the Games by the artists, demonstrating the creative talents that exist within the UK. The posters will go on show at Tate Britain as part of the London 2012 Festival. [Click here](#) to view the official London 2012 posters.

Paralympic tickets to go back on sale

Paralympic tickets have been allocated to those who have applied through the London 2012 ticketing website. LOCOG confirmed that the remaining tickets for the London 2012 Paralympic Games will go on sale on a first come first served basis from 1pm on Friday 2nd December 2011. There is a good availability for the majority of sports, including Athletics, Wheelchair Basketball and Swimming, as well as for ExCel and Olympic Park day passes. Tickets will be available to buy from the London 2012 ticketing website. [Click here](#) to sign up or sign in.



Colegrave and Darton Primary School play host to an Olympic medallist

Darton Primary School, Barnsley, travelled to Newham, London, to play host with their partner Colegrave Primary School for a special event. Michael Johnson, a double Olympic Gold Medallist, spent the morning at Colegrave Primary participating in various sporting activities. Michael smiled from the moment he arrived at the school. This was his first time in a British Primary School and he was very impressed by the atmosphere, the children and the warmth of everybody. Michael engaged with the children during a Q&A session as well as spending time to sign a few autographs before he left. The day was described as an unforgettable experience that both schools will treasure for a long time. It's important to get the children both excited and inspired by the Olympics.

UK Schools show supports for London 2012 around the World

A new initiative has been launched to encourage UK schools to support Olympic and Paralympic teams around the world in the run up to London 2012. The 'support a team' scheme will help students prepare for the arrival of athletes and visitors from around the world to their communities in 2012, encouraging them to learn about cultures of their chosen teams. The new initiative is a major strand of the [Get Set goes global](#). LOCOG

Chair Seb Coe said: 'I am delighted to think that, through 'Support a team'; we will have a knowledgeable, interested and excited group of young supporters to welcome our athletes in 2012. I would urge all schools to select their teams now'. Free learning resources are available from the [Get Set](#) website that can also help schools select teams to support.



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