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“Old Buckenham High School to be Specialist Sports College”

Old Buckenham High School is launching its bid to secure Specialist Sports Status from September 2010, Headteacher Peter Whear today confirmed to staff, students, parents and carers.

He said, “I am delighted to be making this announcement. Sport is central to the school’s ethos. Our GCSE results in PE are consistently good, the quality of teaching and learning is excellent but above all, the students enjoy and excel at the subject. We are also a healthy school and the focus on fitness, an active lifestyle and general well-being is a message that we hope to spread more widely.

Our motto is *Achieving Excellence Together* and sport will be the driving force behind our “personal best” culture. Our sports teams are very successful in fixtures with other schools and there is a flourishing inter-house sports competition. The proposed specialism will also give a new focus to the existing collaboration with our local Primary School cluster. I am sure that preparation for the 2012 Olympics will play a large part in what we do.

I have to admit that our existing facilities need modernising - everyone associated with the school recognises this. The students deserve something special and the additional funding from the specialism will go some way towards improving the quality of our buildings.”

Chair of Governors, Martin Ungless commented, “This is more very exciting news for Old Buckenham and the Governing Body is fully behind this bid. We know the students are capable of wonderful things because amongst other things, our GCSE results have been improving rapidly over the past three years. A specialism in sport will now put Old Buckenham High School firmly at the heart of the local community.”

