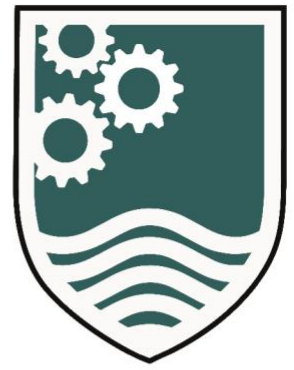


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8th March 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,



Bloxwich Academy
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Sports for Champions - GB Sprinter Leon Baptiste

On Thursday 11th April 2024 Sports for Champions will be running a sponsored event in school. Not only will it raise funds for school, but it is also used to help unsponsored athletes who have no funding. The sponsorship raised is used to support athletes' living and training costs as they train 35+ hours a week and do not have a regular income. With your help they will be able to commit as much time as possible to their sport and be able to cover travel, equipment and medical costs.

Postcard and poster rewards are provided to say thank you to children for all their hard work fundraising. We understand that not all families are able to raise money for a variety of reasons, and therefore stickers are awarded to every young person so that no one is left out whether sponsored or not.

Sponsor money can be collected in the usual way by returning money to school by **Monday 8th April**. Sponsor money can also be collected using the school's **Crowd funder** page using the following link: <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/bloxwich-academy>

Leon is a two-time Commonwealth gold medallist sprinter, he will be representing Great Britain at the 2024 Olympic Games in Paris, which begins in July. Leon began athletics at the age of 14, he suffered an injury that prevented him from playing football. He gave athletics a go and realised he had a real talent for sprinting.

When Leon visits school, he will lead an exciting fitness circuit and will present an inspirational presentation about his career. Leon will give a demonstration and then finish with a question and answer session to give all children an opportunity to ask him any questions they may have.

Yours sincerely,

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