

Pupils' speeches

Callum Glendenning

Archbishop Temple School has done wonders for my sports. In primary school I would always try but I wasn't in any teams and I had no real sporting success. In high school I got into several teams. However, I would always come 5th, 6th or 7th in events, no matter how hard I tried. At the end of Year 8 I was given the chance by Mr Taberner to run the 1500m at town sports. I came 5th but I didn't care I had been given the opportunity to compete in something that I enjoyed and this motivated me to continue. I started to practice running and watch more athletics on TV, trying to get tips. At the end of Year 9 I went to town sports again and competed in the Year 9 and 10 3000m event. I was the only Year 9 however I managed to steal it, the whole day was one of my happiest experiences. I kept training and practising on my own at the start of Year 10 I won the Preston cross country tournament, before going on to compete in the Lancashire cross country events. I was never really any good at sport but through hard work and perseverance I managed to get to one of the highest levels, showing that anyone really can.

Emily Woods

Netball was just a hobby to me and I never cared enough to try. I was never the best at it and there were many times I wanted to give up but I didn't. I became more determined to do well and dedicated to the sport. Starting from the B team in Year 7 and 8 to securing a place on the A team after spending so much time training and trying to improve myself. Now I am studying GCSE PE and no longer see sport as just a hobby.

Amy Fletcher

I have always enjoyed playing sports ever since I was little. I was encouraged by my PE teachers and parents which helped me massively, they had confidence in me to achieve my best. During high school I have been part of and captained many school teams. I have enjoyed every part of it.

India Illingworth

I joined Archbishop Temple School in Year 8. I have always been a passionate sports person, sport has helped me to relax and meet new people. It helped me to bond with people in my team and settle into a new school.

James Murray

The PE department gave me the opportunity to try basketball, learning a new sport and finding that I was a very average player. However, after going to an out of school club I was able to improve lots more which I believe helped the school team.

Luke Parker

I've always loved sport, and I always will, but it's the memories that it's created that are imprinted on my mind. I remember getting to the last 16 of the English cup in football and Arsenal screaming when he was passed the ball in Rugby. I remember Habib's over-head kick and my first school hat trick. I remember York boys' relay team beating the Year 8 and 10 records and my first bowl leading to my first ever wicket in Year 10. I remember Mr Taberner taking us for a KFC after a thrashing against Garstang in the Lancashire Basketball final and that all this was made possible because of sport.