

## Game changers

### **New facilities revolutionise sport at EGS**

Enfield Grammar School is a sporting academy that has produced many sports stars over the years. Now, with many more coming through, the headmaster, John Kerr, felt that the school needed an update in facilities; a sports hall with a fitness studio, a gym and a ball hall has recently been built inside the school.

With eight P.E staff members, Enfield Grammar is a school that takes their sport seriously. Each student, unless doing P.E for GCSE, has two P.E lessons per week. In addition to this, the school does extra-curricular sports to help further the talent that is being shown in the school. Unlike original P.E lessons, these extra-curricular activities are optional. However, many boys choose to attend because the school offers a wide variety of sports such as:

- Rugby
- Football
- Cricket
- Basketball
- Athletics

In addition to this, at the end of every half-term, the P.E staff run an interhouse competition in each year group between each

of the form groups (Forty, Poynette's, Myddleton, Raleigh, St Andrews and Uvedale) according to the sport that was being taught in that term.

On 13<sup>th</sup> May 2014, Enfield Grammar School opened a brand new sports hall that has a fitness studio, a gym and a massive ball hall. The hall was opened by ex-Tottenham and England star Gary Mabbutt; the studio by former Chelsea player and Enfield Grammar Old Boy, Michael Duberry. With Enfield Grammar being a sporting academy, the headmaster (John Kerr) felt that the school needed an 'upgrade', hence the reason that he spent 1 million pounds on building the new sports hall.

Mr Peek, one of the P.E teachers at the school, is delighted that the sports hall was built. When asked how he feels about it, he answered, "I like the fact that the sports hall has been built because it means that we have been given extra space to teach our P.E lessons. It's also nice to set the 3G up because it means that different activities can be done, and if it's raining, we can still do sports on the 3G."

Miss Igbokwe, a regular gym member and teacher at the school, stated “I think that it is very convenient that the school has a gym for me to use. As I am a person who goes to the gym often, having one right at my school is amazing; it enables me to keep fit without having to travel far. It also encourages me to keep going. In my opinion, it compares fairly well to a normal gym, but I wish that there was a swimming pool as well; that would be great!”

When interviewed, Mr Kerr replied “I feel that the ball hall has improved the lives of the boys at Enfield Grammar School. Personally, I think that it is a big improvement on the old gym because there was excess space which allowed us to convert it into the fitness suite. Consequently, this allowed us to form a partnership with Nuffield Health. As a result of becoming partners with Nuffield Health, we benefited from almost £200,000 worth of fitness equipment. Students can use the gym and fitness suite during the day, but the public can use it in the evenings or at the weekends. With this new sports hall, boys can improve their standard of fitness and health. Enfield Grammar became an academy in

August 2011, and in the following year became successful with an application for funding from the Education Funding Agency (EFA) and received 1 million pounds as a result.”

With all these new sports facilities, surely Enfield Grammar can produce more stars for the future. What else...a new swimming pool?

By Sachin Pooran



**Some of the fitness equipment at Enfield Grammar's gym**