

Opening Schools Facilities Creates New Basketball Club at Brannel School

Active Cornwall invested £4,050 from the Opening School Facilities (OSF) programme to Brannel School to develop new Basketball provision for a cohort of boys that don't normally engage in extra curriculum activity and rarely represented the school in any activities.

Basketball was identified after engaging this cohort of students in what they would like and 2 blocks of 12 weeks of after school delivery was set up as well as purchasing some new equipment including balls and hoops.

This year is the first year Brannel have had a basketball club, which had led to regular fixtures being played and even entering and competing in the junior NBA competition.

Wider impact on this cohort of children have seen **improved confidence** in a group of year 9 boys who never represented the school in anything and have grown to feel a real sense of belonging in school life and therefore, **an increase in attendance** at school.

The **club will also continue after a member of staff from outside of the PE department has taken it on** and is now running it year on year with plans to establish it as a new community club and take part in the Cornwall School Games 3x3.



Head of PE Ross Farer said *"This OSF basketball project really has inspired participation in physical activity as well as drive the schools extracurricular offer forward. The target of this project was a group of boys in year 9 who haven't traditionally taken part or represented the school in sport. The project enabled them to gain the confidence and the skills to then fixture against other local schools and Brannel now to also enter the Junior NBA. The impact on attendance has been particularly noticeable with these boys showing great commitment to something positive. The school now has an established basketball club that will kick start again in September."*

Key learnings:

- Identify and engage early with target students about what provision they would like.
- Let them own the club to be delivered how they would like.
- Ensure person delivering activity understands the group they are delivering to and what the agreed outcomes are.
- Engage and understand wider staff within the school that have particular interests and hobbies to support delivery.
- Give them something to work towards that they agree on, in this case it was Junior NBA.

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