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| Aim     | To create OSHL opportunities for disabled pupils.  |
| Outcome | Well developed pathways and established links within the wider community sports network linking into further access to competition pathways and opportunities. |

### **School: Droitwich Spa High School**

### **Type of school: Specialist Sports College, Mainstream (Ages 12-18)**

There are currently OSHL sports programmes being run at two Special Schools in the Droitwich Spa Partnership - Rosehill School which caters for students with a physical disability and Manor Park, which provides for pupils with severe learning difficulties.

#### **Rosehill School**

The after-school club at Rosehill was originally exclusively for students at the school but now attracts and includes students from partner schools with a resulting increase in participation from 10 to 15 pupils. This is primarily a result of liaison and recommendation by the Physical Disability Outreach Team whose role is to support students with a physical disability in mainstream schools. These partner schools are mainstream primary and secondary schools who accommodate such students and pupils from these schools now account for 25% of the club.

The club provides both competitive and non-competitive opportunities. Students compete annually in boccia and athletics competitions and other events attended include the West Midlands Regional Athletics competition, the National Junior Athletics Championship at Blackpool and the local Boccia league. Where possible links are made with local clubs in the area in order to establish further development pathways for pupils and these have been particularly successful with a local football club and athletics club which has squads competing at national level.

For those pupils that choose to compete, provision will be enhanced in the future as access has now been arranged to the new mainstream school joining the School Sport Partnership, which will offer improved indoor facilities during the winter.

#### **Manor Park Special School**

The second OSHL club is based at Manor Park Special School and is for pupils with severe learning difficulties. The aim of the club is to increase the number of pupils participating in OSHL activities and the club is staffed by volunteers with resources and facilities provided by the University of Worcester.

In addition, a part time community sports coach with a focus on disability was employed through the Community Sports Coach Scheme with resources from the local authority and the school to provide support and a level of consistency between the after school clubs. The club also provides both competitive and non-competitive opportunities with links into local community athletics and football clubs. Students who are considered as talented are offered the opportunity to move from this club into a community club to further develop their skills.

Two football sessions a week are provided and the club can now be accessed by all special schools in the area. The PE Co-coordinator has a Level 1 FA coaching qualification and coaches on one of the sessions, and in order to ensure further sustainability, the club is developing more parent involvement. One parent has now completed a coaching qualification and assists at the club.

Pupils' skill levels have improved considerably by attending the club and a new disability football club has now been developed with five pupils from the OSHL club attending the sessions. This has come about through a link with Worcester FA who provide the coaching at the club. The link with the football club is embedded in the school club links element of the School Sport Partnership and County Sports Partnership Development Plans, and in addition, financial and coaching support is provided by the FA.

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