



NatWest Island Games 2011
25 June – 1 July

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STUDENTS DEVOTE TIME TO DISPLAY COMPETITION

Following a decision taken by Ryde High School last year to devote their tutor time to learning about the Islands participating in the NatWest Island Games, a competition was set up for each of year 9 and 10 tutor groups to prepare a display about one of the competing Islands. The displays were judged by David Ball, Chairman of the Island Games Association (IW) on Friday 1st April and the winning team will be announced and presented with their prize on Wednesday 6th April.

The Islands were allocated to 11 tutor groups across years 9 and year 10, each consisting of 25 – 30 students, on the basis of a World Cup type draw, and the following Islands were drawn from the hat : Alderney, Bermuda, The Cayman Islands, Hitra, Gibraltar, Gotland, Greenland, Orkney, Prince Edward Island, St. Helena and Ynys Mon.

The students were tasked with providing as much information as possible in a visually attractive and innovative way, and started work on their displays in the Autumn term 2010.

David Ball, Chairman of the Island Games Association (IW) said : *“I was impressed by the overall quality of the entries and particularly by the research that the students had put into their project. Judging was not easy and this reflected the clear enthusiasm of both students and staff for the whole concept of the NatWest Island Games.”*

In addition, students in year 9 studying ‘My World’ have been learning about the different Islands involved in the Games and have prepared a display in the main school corridor for when the athletes visit the school in June to compete in the Badminton competition which is being held on the school site.

The NatWest Island Games is taking place on the Isle of Wight on 25 June – 1 July 2011 and will involve around 3000 athletes competing in a range of 14 sports over 6 days.

Further details about the NatWest Island Games 2011 can be found at www.natwestislandgames2011.co.uk

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NOTE TO EDITOR

1. Could you please refer to the event as the 'NatWest Island Games' (not 'Island Games; or 'The Games') at the start of articles and in headlines,, and as 'the Games' mid copy, as appropriate. Thank you.
2. There will be a photo call at Ryde High School on Wednesday 6th April at 11am with David Ball, Chairman of the Island Games Association, presenting the prize to the winning team.
3. Background :

- The Island Games were established in the Isle of Man in 1985 and today include 25 member islands in, or associated with, the nine sovereign nations of Canada, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Greece, Norway, Spain, Sweden, UK plus the Caribbean :

Aland	Alderney	Bermuda
Cayman Islands	Falkland Islands	Faroe Islands
Froya Islands	Gibraltar	Gotland
Greenland	Guernsey	Hitra Islands
Isle of Man	Isle of Wight	Jersey
Menorca	Orkney	Prince Edward Island
Rhodes	Saaremaa	Sark
Shetlands Islands	St Helena	Western Isles
Ynys Mon		

- In 1999, NatWest became the title sponsor of the Island Games which has become one of the largest participation events in the world behind the Olympics and Commonwealth Games.
- The NatWest Island Games 2011 are being organised by the Isle of Wight Island Games Association, supported by the IW Council, which is also a sponsor.
- The 25 member islands compete every two years around the world in a range of up to 14 sports chosen by the Host Island from a list of 18.
- Sports chosen for 2011 are :
Archery, athletics, badminton, basketball, cycling, football, golf, sailing inc. windsurfing, squash, swimming, shooting, table tennis, tennis, volleyball
- The Games were last held on the Isle of Wight in 1993.
- Further information is available at www.natwestislandgames2011.co.uk and www.islandgames.net

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