

NATWEST ISLAND GAMES – WELCOMING THE WORLD!

OPENING CEREMONY INFORMATION

Promising to be an amazing carnival extravaganza, the Opening Ceremony Parade, themed 'An Extraordinary Island', will tell the story of the Isle of Wight as it winds its way through the streets of Ryde.

Around 1500 young people will perform the 20 'chapters' which depict various historic and folkloric episodes in the history of the island, in a highly choreographed procession parading with the athletes from around the world. (like Ryde Carnival with special international guests)

Residents of Ryde are advised to walk to the parade as car parking is extremely limited

If you live outside Ryde we advise that you use public transport into Ryde and arrive before the road closures at 4pm. Islandline will be running additional trains throughout the afternoon and evening.

A Park and Ride service will be operating to the Ceremony from Smallbrook Stadium to the Esplanade starting at 14.00pm with the last departure at 16.45pm.

Ceremony parade will start @ Simeon Street at 17.00pm and will join the athletes at Dover Street at 17.25pm. The Parade will reach the Esplanade at 19.00pm

Formal Games opening will start at 19.30pm (athletes' only – no public due to space restrictions)

Parade participants and general public will have a chance to watch the formal opening on two large screens located at Simeon Street recreation ground where carnival entertainment and refreshment will be available, Eastern Gardens (Esplanade) will also have a large screen display for public viewing

Park and Ride Buses resume back to Smallbrook at 18.45pm from the bus station (until 22.00pm)

For parade route map and more information please go to:

www.natwestislandgames2011.co.uk

www.carnivallearningcentre.org