



From left, Alex Craninx, head boy Hugh Breach, headteacher Derek Peuple, head girl Amy Hooper, Olympic gold medalist, Zac Purchase and Michaela Day
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Park House highly commended at sports education awards

A NEWBURY school has been recognised at an annual awards ceremony celebrating school sport.

Park House Schol and Sports College received highly commended in the Specialist Sports College of the Year category at the Aviva *Daily Telegraph* School Sport Matters awards.

The ceremony took place at Twickenham Stadium last Thursday and the Andover Road secondary school was recognised for its contribution to sports-inspired learning at local, national and international levels, combined with record GCSE and A-level results.

Locally, the school has used the Olympics and Paralympics to develop a wide range of cross and extra-curricular primary school projects, while in a national context, the school has played a leading advocacy role within the 2012 Get Set Schools Network.

Sports writer at *The Daily Telegraph*, Gareth Davies, said

of Park House: "What is being achieved is sensational in sporting terms, both for today, and as part of a legacy commitment."

Headteacher Derek Peuple said that the recognition was fantastic.

"We have always been very proud to be a specialist sports college, firmly believing that sporting values can promote all round academic achievement and personal development.

"This award confirms this belief and additionally recognises the way in which we have used our sports college ethos creatively to build international, national and local partnerships. These have significantly raised standards of achievement, developed student leadership and widened participation across a broad family of schools, all based on the power of sporting culture to change young people's lives."