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Dear Mohamed,

I am writing to thank you for the part you played in this year's Crown Hills 'Dri-tri' event on Tuesday 28th June, the highlight for the Leicester City School Sport Partnership in the Lloyds TSB National School Sports Week, 2011.

A total of 90 year ten students enjoyed the day from 8 city secondary schools, experiencing 6 Olympic themed sporting activities. These included; cycling, archery, table-tennis, boxing skills, volleyball, and of course the dry-triathlon race made up of a row, run and cycle. On top of this the young people also had the opportunity to put their questions to double Commonwealth Gold winning swimmer Caitlin McClatchey and under 16 National cycling champion Lucy Garner, as well as being treated to a fantastic display from professional freestyle BMX champion Keelan Phillips at lunchtime. All of this was kindly supported by managers from local Lloyds TSB branches who got stuck in helping out on all of the activities!

We had some fantastic feedback from the young people who took part, and also the teachers who attended. The great comments were not only for the organisation of the event, but also some great feedback about the individual activities and the coaches that delivered and supported them. Some examples were;

"I really enjoyed the day as I had a chance to try some sports that I'd never tried before. I loved doing the Archery and it's a lot harder than it looks! I'd definitely like to have another go."
Rushey Mead Year 10 girl

"It's much better than doing lessons at school; I wish we could have more days like this!"
Fullhurst Year 10 boy

"It was great fun! It was really good to try so many different sports. The Dri-tri part was hard work but I enjoyed it. It was really interesting to speak to the 2012 Athletes and they've really inspired me to take part in more sport."
English Martyrs Year 10 boy

"I'd not tried the sports before, but hopefully I can do more of them now. I was rubbish at some, but definitely better at others like the volleyball!"
Soar Valley Year 10 girl

"It's been the best event that I've been involved in as a teacher, great that the students get to try so many sports to challenge themselves. We'll definitely be signing up for next year!"
Fullhurst PE teacher

"All of the activities were run really well. The coaches gave the students chance to have a go at new sports in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. I'm sure some of them will carry on with some of the sports they've tried!"

Babington PE teacher

The young people that were targeted to attend the event were those that take part in little sport or physical activity, or have become disengaged with sport in their teens. The intention is to give them the opportunity to try different activities, to inspire them to lead a more active life and to get involved in sports clubs within their local community.

Thanks to your input on the day the 90 young people participating had the opportunity to participate in quality sporting opportunities at an inspiring event, with groups of their peers from across the city. Thank you for your support in making this event possible, it is much appreciated by all of us at the Leicester City School Sport Partnership.

As I'm sure you are aware, the funding from the Department of Education that has supported the School Sport Partnerships in the past, finishes at the end of August 2011. Local financial input from schools, combined with Government funding for the new School Games programme, has allowed us to keep an infrastructure for the partnerships in the short term. Events like the Dri-tri are under threat going forward without further local funding, but we are hopeful that we can continue to run this flagship event in the future.

Thanks again for your support of the Dry-triathlon event, and hopefully we can work together soon to provide quality sporting opportunities for the young people in Leicester City.

I've attached a few photos from the event at Crown Hills which hopefully give a flavour of the day.

Yours sincerely,

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