



Girl power brings sporting success to Havering Sixth Form College

There's some serious girl power bringing success to Havering Sixth Form College with six female sporting stars competing at national level in six different sports.

And to help the group of talented youngsters, the College has set up an Elite Athlete Mentoring Programme which gives support and guidance to advise them on how best to juggle their sporting dedication with their studies.

Running the programme is Rob McGeoghegan, who has a Level 3 qualification in Talented Athlete Lifestyle Support. He says: "My hope for starting this elite athlete support programme is to offer the right support for these students who have heavy sporting commitments outside of College.

"In the past they have found it difficult to balance their education and sport and have not been able to convey this to staff.

"I think this programme could also help draw elite sporting talent to Havering Sixth Form College if students know there is something specific set up for them and they can see the College would be behind them.

"I believe that when colleges are looking to attract elite athletes, they launch academies in a particular sport, but there doesn't seem to be much on offer for individual elite athletes, so potentially there is a gap to draw high achieving sporting youngsters to the college without having to spend vast amounts of money on setting up academies."

The 'super six' at Havering Sixth Form College are: Victoria Ohuruogu (National Under 19 400m champion and sister of Olympic Gold Medal holder Christine Ohuruogu); Chloe Jackson (National Under 20 Judo champion); Ellisa Osborne (Under 16 National Diving champion); Kike Oniwinde (English Schools Javelin champion); Sydney Storey (ranked in the top 6 at national level in Kayake Slalom) and Kelsey Richards (competes in Swimming at national level).