



# "Northamptonshire Study Centres" PFS Press



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## Mid-season review!

**"The Diamonds Club Challenge".**



Welcome to this 1st issue of the "Playing for Success" newsletter, which has come from the Diamonds Study Centre, since the start of the academic year. It is a chance for us to celebrate the achievements of the youngsters during our study sessions in the first half of this Autumn term.

Firstly I would like to congratulate the young people from Newton Road, Finedon Mulso and the Windmill junior schools plus the older pupils from the Manor, Ferrers and Huxlow secondary schools. They have all undertaken voluntary study support, in their free time, and to date they have made the most of their opportunities.



This term the schools are from the "Rushden" area and I would like to take this opportunity to thank staff and parents from these schools for the support they have given, to myself and their children, during the

course of the PFS sessions so far.

The sessions have been designed to improve skills in numeracy, literacy and IT and to boost confidence and self-esteem. Up to this point in time the students have made name badges, and they have also made and designed their own origami football shirts as part of their displays for the innovative "Diamonds Club Challenge". They have also taken part in a conducted tour of the Nene Park Stadium which also included an orienteering activity and the production of a tour poster to record their visit!

From the very positive feedback that I have had from teachers, parents and the youngsters themselves the sessions have been very enjoyable, as well as educational, and our aims are certainly being met!

**\* Very important information for all students, teachers and parents can be found on the back of this newsletter!**

**Web-Site:**  
<http://northantsstudycycentres.org>

Visit our county based study centre website to learn more about the activities being offered at all five of our study centres, within this county, and to find links to other sites which may be of interest to you!

For our own centre site  
<http://diamondsstudycentre.org>



## Youngsters in action during the Stadium Tours !



# Important information for parents and schools !

## Autumn Term Presentation Evening !

This will be held in the Kimberley Suite at Nene Park Stadium, the home of the Rushden and Diamonds Football Club (**entrance via Diamonds Reception**), on the evening of :-

Monday December 7th 2009

This term there will be only "one" presentation event at **5.30pm-6.15pm** for all of the local primary and secondary schools who have participated in this terms programme.

Parents and teachers are invited, at this given time, to watch their children as they are presented with certificates by the Diamonds players.

A night to look forward to!



*Playing for Success*



## **Pass it on...The games are coming**

Pass it On is the *Playing for Success* (PFS) 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games national legacy programme. In the run up to the Games, Pass it On aims to engage all PFS centres in activities around the Games through a national competition and a resource exchange across regions. This is a unique opportunity for PFS centres to use the Olympics and Paralympics as a key resource to raise standards.

The scheme was launched on Tuesday November 3<sup>rd</sup> as balloons were released at PFS Centres across the country. Fifteen students from Newton Road Primary School in Rushden are pictured with Nicky, a BT volunteer, with their balloons outside the RDFC Sports Centre.

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