

Media Release

WheelPower's local Wheelchair Relays take school learning to a new level

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

05/11/2019 00:01

Experience wheelchair sport. That's the challenge that local Charity, [WheelPower](http://www.wheelpower.org.uk), is setting for school aged children aged 6-16 years old in Buckinghamshire and surrounding areas. Ahead of Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games in August next year, WheelPower will be offering children the opportunity to take part in the Wheelchair Relay Challenge, based on the former Paralympic Sport, Wheelchair Slalom. The fun, sporty challenge offers non-disabled children a taster of disability sports, and what it would be like to compete as an athlete. This challenge is both fun and educational which demonstrates WheelPower's mission: transforming lives through sport.

'Our pupils loved the challenge, thank you so much for visiting us!' – Brookman's Park School, Hatfield.

Testing skill, speed, and agility, a class of up to 30 students will be given the challenge to complete a wheelchair slalom course in their sports hall in under 60 minutes.

'This challenge was fantastic; our pupils were so enthusiastic! We loved our visit from WheelPower.' Broughton Manor Preparatory School.

It's not only a chance for young people to experience first-hand about what life is like in a wheelchair; it also forms a big part in raising awareness of the positive impact that playing sport has on the mental and physical wellbeing of disabled people as well as raising vital funds to support WheelPower's life changing work.

Leah Lewis, WheelPower Community Fundraiser comments: 'Our Wheelchair Relay Challenge is a fantastic initiative to encourage our local schools to raise vital funds for WheelPower. Funds raised could support our comprehensive sports programme, introducing disabled children aged 5-18 years to different forms of sport and physical activity. We are looking forward to working with lots of schools this year who will enable WheelPower to continue to transform lives through sport.'

Transforming lives through sport

WheelPower, Stoke Mandeville Stadium, Guttman Road, Stoke Mandeville, Buckinghamshire, HP21 9PP
Tel: 01296 395995 Email: info@wheelpower.org.uk www.wheelpower.org.uk

WheelPower bring the full set of equipment to schools, set up and will run the event in line with a typical school day to ensure that everyone taking part gets the most out of the activity.

WheelPower Chief Executive, Martin McElhatton comments: "Sport and Physical Activity play a vital role in building confidence and independence for disabled people as well as being hugely social and fun. Through supporting WheelPower by taking part in our Wheelchair Relay Challenge schoolchildren will be making a positive impact on the lives of disabled children and adults and we are tremendously appreciative of their support."

Last year, WheelPower supported 49,961 disabled people which would not be possible without the support of the community. This Wheelchair Relay Challenge is a great way to support disabled children in our local area to be given the opportunity to experience a range of sports and activities.

Real-Life Story – Kaela Moore (Buckingham, Buckinghamshire)

[Read Kaela's story](#) on how she has benefited from the local communities' generous donations to WheelPower.

-ENDS-

Transforming lives through sport

WheelPower, Stoke Mandeville Stadium, Guttman Road, Stoke Mandeville, Buckinghamshire, HP21 9PP
Tel: 01296 395995 Email: info@wheelpower.org.uk www.wheelpower.org.uk

Notes to Editor:

- There are no costs to be paid by the school.
- WheelPower ask students to raise at least £6 in sponsorship each (with a minimum number of 100 fundraisers) in advance of the challenge. Full fundraising resources and support will be given.
- For more information or to sign up for a Wheelchair Relay please visit: www.wheelpower.org.uk/get-your-school-involved or contact us on 01296 395995 or info@wheelpower.org.uk

#nationaljuniorgames #wheelpower

[Facebook](#) @wheelchairsport

[Twitter](#) @wheelpower

[Fundraise for WheelPower](#) and see how the money you raise makes a real difference to disabled peoples' lives.

Want to take part and meet like-minded people? Visit our website and pick a sport to get you started: <https://www.wheelpower.org.uk/sports>

Images:



Transforming lives through sport

WheelPower, Stoke Mandeville Stadium, Guttman Road, Stoke Mandeville, Buckinghamshire, HP21 9PP
Tel: 01296 395995 Email: info@wheelpower.org.uk www.wheelpower.org.uk



Transforming lives through sport

WheelPower, Stoke Mandeville Stadium, Guttman Road, Stoke Mandeville, Buckinghamshire, HP21 9PP
Tel: 01296 395995 Email: info@wheelpower.org.uk www.wheelpower.org.uk