

# LORDSWOOD BOYS SPECIALIST SPORTS COLLEGE

Lordswood Boys School, in the heart of Birmingham, is using tennis to raise academic standards, provide cross-curricular and vocational training as well as build vital links with the local community.

- 5 new courts (3 floodlight) were constructed, resulting in vastly improved tennis facilities for the Sports College.
- The school's art and drama departments collaborated with Birmingham City University to produce a promotional video about the tennis court project.
- 30 Year 10 pupils also carried out a business enterprise project based around the new tennis facility.
- A Community Tennis Coach was appointed to develop tennis in the school and the local community.
- Pupils have access to curriculum lessons, breakfast, lunchtime and after school clubs and an outreach programme has been developed with local primary schools.

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When we became a specialist sports college our aim was to use sport, and in particular tennis, to raise academic standards through the school. When we started in 2003 we were on 24% of students achieving 5 GCSEs grades A-C. This has risen to 64%, with Ofsted identifying sport being a major reason for the improvement.

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**Director of Specialism -  
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