

Edinburgh schools track and field competition returns

Almost 100 pupils displayed their athletic ability as the Edinburgh Secondary Schools Track and Field competition returned for the first time in seven years.

The S1-S3 competitors ran in either the 100m or 600m races, while everyone participated in the shot putt and long jump at Meadowbank Sports Centre.

Edinburgh Academy secured the most points in the S1 category, while the combined team of St George's and Merchiston Castle won the S2/S3 event.

Other high schools taking part were Firrhill, Broughton, James Gillespie's, Portobello, Drummond, George Heriot's, Queensferry, Erskine Stewart's Melville, Currie and Wester Hailes.

Members from the Eric Liddell Community were on hand to present the medals, as well as prizes for the 12 pupils who displayed the values of compassion, integrity and passion cherished by Liddell, the 1924 Olympic 400m champion and Christian missionary.

Organiser Grant Sheldon, of the Edinburgh Junior Athletics Development Group at Edinburgh Leisure, paid tribute to the 96 competitors.

He said: "The overriding feeling was that it was a good start of something that has to continue into future years. The schools want to build on that and get the rest of the Edinburgh schools involved too."



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