

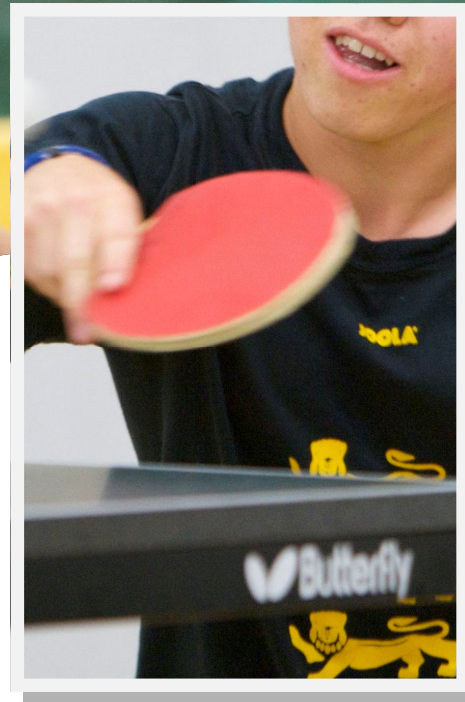
Playground to Podium– Table tennis

Name: Callum

Sport: Table tennis

Impairment: Acquired brain injury

County: West Yorkshire



My journey so far

Before Callum's accident, he competed in table tennis at a high level.

So when he was selected by his school to attend the West Yorkshire County Athlete Assessment Day, it meant he had the opportunity to compete in his favourite sport again.

Since then, he has played regularly and continues to develop his skills.

Key achievements to date

Callum has been involved in many events and the sport's governing body has been actively involved in his development.

Sporting ambition

I want to compete in table tennis at the highest level and achieve greater things.

Callum's advice to other young people

Give it a go as you might like it!

Playground to Podium- Parents and teacher

Parents' names: Christine and Andrew

Teacher's name: Mrs Dunlop

County: Yorkshire

Our proudest moments as parents

After two years coming to terms with his accident, to see others, including his peers, looking up to him again while he performs well in table tennis and football, is really pleasing.

He has bounced back into his sport in an incredible way.

Advice to other parents

Support your child to take part in and enjoy sport. Put the effort in and take your child to events like these. It brings fulfilment, confidence and another purpose in life.

My involvement as the teacher and the impact made

My role has involved identifying which students would benefit from the initial selection of Playground to Podium.

The impact on the children has been vast. It has been a joy to notice a real change in their confidence levels, providing a real ego boost.

Advice to other teachers

If in doubt give the child a chance and let the officials decide if they go further. It is a great experience for the child and you as a teacher.

Playground to Podium is a series of targeted interventions aimed at helping young disabled people progress from PE and community sport to high-level performance and competition. The English Federation of Disability Sport is the strategic lead for disabled people in sport and physical activity throughout England.

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