



## Carnegie coaching champions

Following the success of this year's Olympic Games, Leeds Met Carnegie will play a pivotal role in helping Team GB win more medals by London 2012. Leeds Met struck gold earlier this year when the Minister for Sport announced the University would host The UK Centre for Coaching Excellence, in partnership with sportscoach uk.

Like the Olympics, Leeds Met unites diverse communities, from its own Leeds Met student, Jo Ellis, who competed for Team GB in Beijing, to the 25,000 school boys and girls who took part in this year's Carnegie Champion Schools tournament. The

Year 7 boys finalists, Standish and Pickering High Schools, are playing the curtain raiser to the Carnegie Challenge Cup final at Wembley.

In the third round of the Carnegie Challenge Cup Leeds Met's men's rugby league team made history by becoming the first ever student team to play a professional side in the competition. 17 members of the team then went on to represent England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales in the Rugby League Student World Cup in Australia, and four were selected for the World XIII team.

Many of those students returned

from Australia to graduate alongside players and staff from the world champions, Leeds Rhinos, who received degrees in Sport and Exercise Science. The players have been able to combine their sporting commitments with study due to the unique partnership between the University and Leeds Rugby.

Sporting greats Hope Powell, Ian Botham, Waisale Serevi and Haile Gebrselassie also became Carnegie Champions, inspiring students, graduands and our partners when they were awarded honorary doctorates by the University.





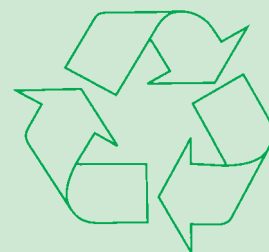




Our Chancellor, Brendan Foster CBE, joined the Minister for Sport, Gerry Sutcliffe, at Leeds Met for the announcement of The UK Centre of Sporting Excellence, prior to commentating for the BBC at the Olympic Games in Beijing.

Standish High School Year 7s beat Malet Lambert to face Pickering in the Wembley final of the Carnegie Champion Schools and Leeds Met beat Thornhill Trojans and Leigh East to face Doncaster in the third round of the Carnegie Challenge Cup.





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