



Sporting students at Carmel College, Darlington, with their haul of trophies and awards for 2015

Sports stars celebrate success

A WORLD Cup winner has paid tribute to the stars of the future at a special awards evening to celebrate sporting success.

ENGLAND Ladies rugby captain Katy Mclean presented elite young sportsmen and women at Carmel College, Darlington, with a host of trophies, cups and shields in recognition of the school's best ever year in sport.

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The Darlington Mowden Park RFC fly half, who led England to their first World Cup success in 20 years in France in 2014, told students that the North East had a bright future ahead in sport.

"I have never seen so many trophies and awards won by just one school," she said.

"There is such an array of sporting talent right here in this room that the future for sport in our area looks very promising indeed.

"I know from experience that sport can be brutal; it can give you the biggest highs and the most devastating lows but to be a professional sports person is the best job in the world."

Individual awards for sporting achievements in a host of disciplines included judo, gymnastics, horse riding, skiing, athletics, cross country, dance, football, volleyball, rugby, cricket, swimming, badminton, life-saving, rounders, tennis, biathlon,



Above: World Cup winning England Rugby captain Katy Mclean talks to students at Carmel College, Darlington

netball, hockey, table tennis, cycling, sports leadership and diving.

Awards were presented to students from Years 7-10 before special awards, chosen by the PE department, were made to individuals who had achieved high levels of success in their chosen sport.

PE curriculum leader at Carmel College Simon Hanniford said: "Continuing in the Carmel tradition



Star swimming student Will Smith with the town swimming shield



Above: Carmel College PE department with former college student Leah Kennedy, principal Maura Regan and England Rugby captain Katy Mclean



Above: Carmel College principal Maura Regan with World Cup winning England Rugby captain Katy Mclean



Above: PE curriculum leader at Carmel College Simon Hanniford

this has been our most successful year in sport ever at district, county, regional and even national level.

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An extra special award was also made to former Carmel student Leah Kennedy, captain of Team Northumbria Netball Team, who has recently been called up to the full England Squad for 2015.

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Chief executive officer of the Carmel Education Trust Maura Regan and college principal said: “Once again our PE department has had another extremely successful year – they just keep getting better and better. When children come to Carmel they are moulded and developed by dedicated PE staff who work tirelessly to nurture the young athletes. All of our young sports stars are a credit to the PE department and to themselves.”

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