

Media information

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Muhammadreza swims his way to the Olympics

19 year old Muhammadreza Masoudi is currently studying English (ESOL Entry level 2) at Hammersmith & Fulham College while competing around the UK as a professional swimmer.

Muhammadreza was born in the UK, but lived in Iran for most of his childhood. He started training as a swimmer at the age of 7 and began to compete professionally from the age of 13. In Iran, he gained a high school diploma and plenty of work experience as a life guard and swimming instructor.

At 17, Muhammadreza returned to the UK and continued swimming and did so well that his coach asked for him to stay in the country to compete. Muhammadreza now swims with Barnet Cophall swimming club.

Muhammadreza says: "My coach says that I have a good chance at competing in the Rio Olympics in August this year for the 50 or 100 metre freestyle races. I am still only 19 and my coach thinks I have what it takes to be part of the next Olympics."

Muhammadreza is very dedicated and ambitious, attending training sessions early in the morning and after college, around six to eight times a week. He credits Hammersmith & Fulham College for his good English and ability to communicate well with his coaches and team members:

"When coming back to England in 2014, I chose the ESOL course Hammersmith and Fulham College because I needed to improve my language skills so I could communicate with my coaches when I am in training. I have since progressed to entry level 2."

The College is holding an open event at the Hammersmith and Ealing Colleges on 15 June between 4pm and 8pm.

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