

Press release

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ESOL students get a taste of British sport

Hundreds of English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) students from Ealing, Hammersmith and West London's College converged on Ravenscourt Park this afternoon to experience a traditional British school sports day. The event was suggested by the students themselves after a similarly successful sports day in 2015, and will be the first of two school sports days for the College in 2016/17.

The day featured classic events such as the egg and spoon race, wheelbarrow race and tug-o-war, along with more modern events such as handball, dodgeball and futnet - a version of tennis played with a football. The British Autumn weather played its part with students running around in sunshine for much of the afternoon.

The day was organised and run by students from Ealing, Hammersmith and West London's College's by Level 3 Public Services students as part of their Land Based Activities Unit. They were ably assisted by Alex Walburn, Sports Academy & Development Coordinator and ESOL Curriculum Manager Maria Edvroska. Derek Benfield, Public Services Lecturer, said he was 'really pleased' with the event as he only gave his students a brief outline of what was required and they delivered a hugely successful day.

ESOL Curriculum Manager Maria Edvroska said: "The day was a great way for students to socialise as part of their induction week while learning more about traditional British values and fostering collaboration with students from other departments."

ESOL courses are designed to build students' confidence in communicating in English and Maths while giving them an introduction to education, work and life in the UK. Along with traditional classes, ESOL students at Ealing, Hammersmith and West London's College take part in numerous workshops, trips and events throughout the year to keep learning rich and interesting. Find out more at wlc.ac.uk/courses/esol.

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