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Dear Andy

As an employer within the sector we recognise the following qualifications as being fit for purpose:

**500/6755/2** – Pearson BTEC Level 3 Diploma in Sport (QCF)

**500/6764/3** – Pearson BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Sport (QCF)

We recognise these qualifications as developing and confirming specialist knowledge and skills in the sector, to a standard that can be reasonably expected of an 18 year old in full time education.

The qualifications will give students an advantage when applying for related jobs, apprenticeships or training.

I am happy for my organisation name and website to be made available on the DfE and Pearson websites to confirm our support for the qualifications.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Martin Davis'.

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## TYLA ANDERSON

Tyla Anderson became known to Arsenal in the Community when he was 13 years old. Being a local lad, he was also a football and Arsenal fan. Through playing table tennis first at the Mayville Community Club in Islington, Tyla quickly learnt that his slightness and speed were an advantage yet his infectious attitude to the game and playing the sport meant that he had a lot of potential.

Tyla played for a few clubs and entered a few tournaments successfully and gained his first England Junior ranking placement at the age of 14 ½ where he placed nearly 800 in his age group in the country. Soon enough Arsenal Premier League 4 Sport programme began, with Tyla's coach Steve Achille acting as an Arsenal satellite coach. Once each PL4S session had finished, Steve worked with Tyla for a period and meant that he could get the highest standard and more regular coaching. Tyla's ranking increased rapidly and in Sept 2010 after one year of PL4S, his ranking position increased to 112. This has also significantly improved since then.

However, improving through the rankings comes at significant costs. The highest star ranking tournaments take place at venues all over the country, often with overnight accommodation needed and Arsenal in the Community were again able to support, initially giving Tyla a grant of £500 in order to help with his transport and tournament entry costs from the Arsenal Charitable Trust.

Through his work with PL4S, Tyla began to become a natural 'mentor' to some of the newer and inexperienced players and he quickly found that he had the ability to help others. After discussion with the PL4S co-ordinator, Tyla was directed towards the Arsenal BTEC National Certificate in Sport programme in which he had studies sports coaching with Arsenal as well as the theoretical side of the sports course. This has led to Tyla becoming more active with his role within the PL4S programme and has even just started his table tennis Level One course.

Tyla said of his time with Arsenal in the Community "I have really enjoyed my time working with Arsenal. I mostly enjoyed the work I did learning to coach other people on the BTEC programme and this has made me decide that coaching is the kind of work I would like to do when I finish college. I now feel that I am definitely able to achieve this as working with Arsenal has really helped me to have confidence in myself especially when it comes heading a group. My work with Arsenal has improved my all round skills and helped me gain vital experience."

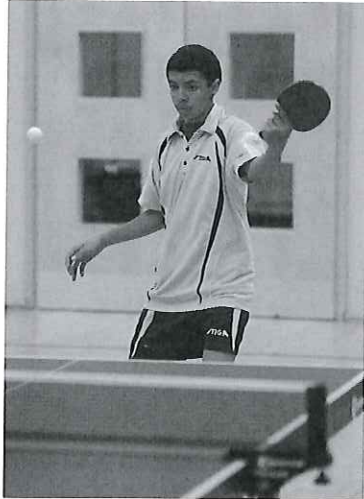
Currently, Tyla sits at number 30 in the Junior Rankings having been as high as 21 in the past 3 months. He has won over 9 nationally ranked tournaments since the summer of 2010, some of which are the highest standards eligible. He is nearing the completion of his Level One course and as

a result is doing a significant amount of coaching to improve that side and training regularly in order to get as high as he can.

Tyla's mum, Maria said "I am very happy that Tyla has had the opportunity to work with Arsenal in the Community. Since his time there his performance has improved and his confidence in himself and his abilities has grown. He is now more focused and sure of what he wants to do after finishing his education and has the belief in himself to achieve his goals, he is also working hard to achieve his qualifications and the courses he has been on has helped him greatly."



Tyla with a tournament trophy (and some of his younger mentee's)



Tyla at the launch of the Arsenal Community Table Tennis Club



Tyla coaching the Arsenal Gap Year coaches



Tyla having won to Sussex U17 Open – his first tournament win

July 2010