

09 May 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

RE: Aquatics Helper Qualification

The John Smeaton Leisure Centre are offering to deliver an Aquatics Helper Certificate for our students aged 14+. This will cost £20 which is a reduced fee and includes a t-shirt, workbook and the certification once completed.

The Aquatics Helper Certificate is a qualification that our students have the opportunity to get involved in which can give them an insight into teaching swimming. It prepares them for the pool environment as a workplace, as they work alongside qualified swimming teachers supporting the swimming lesson programme.

The course would consist of three main contact days, see below:

Swim Test	Friday 17 May	2.30-3pm
Course days – Dry side and pool-based session.	Friday 14 June	2.15pm – 5.45pm
Course days – Dry side and pool-based session.	Friday 21 June	2.15pm – 5.45pm
Course days – Dry side and pool-based session.	Friday 28 June	2.15pm – 5.45pm

Prerequisites for the course:

- Minimum aged 14 years at the start of the course
- Interested in working with children.
- Must be able to swim 50m, comfortable in deep water and water confident.

After the course students will need to complete 12 hours of assisting to gain the qualification. John Smeaton Leisure Centre and Fearnville Leisure Centre are happy to support this. Miss Scott and the leisure centres team will work with the students to organise the volunteering slots who can attend the course.

If you are interested in a slot on this course, please complete the form no later than Wednesday 15 May - <https://forms.office.com/e/QdM0H4mhwh>

All applicants are subject to passing the swim test which will take place next Friday and the course only has a maximum of 10 places available.

Yours sincerely,



Miss T Scott
Curriculum Leader of Physical Education