



FENCING JOURNEY

INSPIRE STORY

FROM AN INSPIRE EVENT TO A CLUB

The aim of our Inspire events is to encourage young people to engage, participate and learn through fun, sport, physical activity and healthy opportunities. As a result we often get children attending these events who aren't overly confident in PE lessons and don't attend extra curricular clubs. In the 2022/23 academic year we had a Year 5 boy, with SEND needs, attend our Fencing Inspire event. He was quiet at school, had never tried fencing before and wasn't very confident in PE lessons.

We ran the same Fencing Inspire event in the 2023/24 academic year and the same boy attended who was now in Year 6. He was so excited to tell us that he had been so inspired by the event last year that he had gone home and asked his parents if he could join a club.

"It took us a while to find a fencing club in Leicester as they aren't very popular but we found one and I went to the taster session. I absolutely loved it! My parents then paid for the membership for my birthday. I've got my first ever competition this weekend and I can't wait". He explains.

It's amazing to see the journey this boy has been on from being inspired at one of our events, to joining a club and finding something he loves. To inspire the next generation is our aim and it is fantastic to hear stories such as this one.

