

## Beach Hub Case Study: Westminster Academy



### About Westminster Academy

The new Beach Volleyball court joins Westminster Academy's prestigious community sports centre, which includes indoor and outdoor badminton courts, cricket lanes, netball and basketball courts, football pitches, a dance studio and a recently revealed Parkour facility.



### Construction

Westminster's beach sports facility, which was previously used as tennis court, has transformed an area of the school into the city of Westminster's only urban beach volleyball court. The Beach Hub, which took just over 3 days to construct is based around a fantastic, manmade beach, from 380 tonnes of 'Redhill 28 sand,' which has been transported from London's Horse Guards Parade where it was used as part of The 2011 'London Prepares' Test Event.

The new court is part of Volleyball England's 'Go Spike' campaign, giving adults across the UK the chance to take up volleyball in parks, beaches and urban spaces.

Principal of Westminster Academy, Smita Bora, said:

*"I'm delighted that we are to have one of the very few urban beach volleyball courts in London installed here at the Academy."*

*"We take much pride in our excellent sporting facilities and with the help of this new Olympic sand; I hope that our students will be inspired to follow in the footsteps of the incredible athletes who played in it before them. I also hope that the local community and sports clubs will also make use of this great new addition to the Academy's sports centre."*



Debbie Jevans, LOCOG Director of Sport, said: "Beach Volleyball is no doubt one of the most anticipated and exciting events in the Olympic calendar. Following the huge success of the test event held at Horse Guards Parade, we are delighted to be able to donate this sand for this new court at Westminster Academy."

### BeachHub

Westminster Council made a bid for the new court to Volleyball England as part of an increased drive to promote Olympic sport within the city, ahead of the 2012 Games.

**Type of build:** Tennis court  
Conversion

**Partners:** LOCOG, Volleyball England, Sport England and Westminster Council.

**Timeframe of build:** 3 days

**Cost of build:** £46,067.00

*For more information about being part of the beach volleyball London 2012 legacy and bringing a beach sports facility to your area, please contact: Holly Fairclough  
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