**ParisCoventry Flame of Friendship 2023-2024**

The Coventry Flame of Friendship torch relay initiative is back in preparation for the Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games. Participation in the torch relay involves welcoming the torch from another school; keeping the torch at your school for a day; running/walking/cycling to a designated nearby school to handover the torch.

This initiative is free for all Coventry schools.

**Aims:**

* To build friendship links between Coventry schools and their wider communities
* To develop strong, active and healthy communities, with a focus on wellbeing
* To promote the Olympic and Paralympic values, especially that of friendship
* To create awareness of Paris 2024 Games and to develop intercultural understanding

**Timeline:**

* September 2023 – all Coventry schools to be invited to send in designs for a unique Coventry torch. See design brief.
* **23 October 2023** – Closing date for schools to register for torch relay.
* November 2023 - Coventry torch relay route finalised
* February/March 2024 –Flame of Friendship relay to start at Coventry Cathedral
* **8th July 2024** – Flame of Friendship to do final leg arriving at Warwick University. 1000 pupils will be invited to participate in this event which will include a grand finale at Butterworth Hall, Warwick Arts Centre.

**Next steps:**

* *If your school would like to take part in the torch relay, please email Rebecca Bollands. Include any dates that your school will not be able to participate between February and 8th July, for example teacher training days, whole school closures.*
* *The closing date is* ***23 October 2023.*** *Unfortunately once the route is finalised we cannot add more schools.*

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