



# L A L E H A M L E A

A Catholic Independent School for boys and girls aged 3 to 11

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## **Laleham Lea School students put through their paces by former Olympic Basketball star**

Students from Laleham Lea Catholic School in Purley welcomed former Olympic Basketball star Pierre Henry-Fontaine for an inspirational assembly and a tough fitness circuit today.

Pierre's visit was on behalf of Sport for Champions, a community interest company (CIC) who support athletes to overcome financial challenges, such as training, medical bills and competition registration fees.

The now-retired basketball star gave a motivational assembly including diet and fitness information before taking questions about his life and career and then putting the students through their paces with a sponsored fitness circuit.

Money raised from the event will be split between the school to fund sports' equipment and Sport for Champions to support athletes.

Maria Reece, Acting Headteacher at Laleham Lea said: "The students were so excited to hear all about Pierre's career and time in America. I was very impressed with some of their thoughtful questions.

"The fitness circuits were lots of fun and we are delighted to have raised over £1500 in the process."

One Year 5 student said: "Pierre's skills were amazing! Especially the cool cross overs."

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**About Laleham Lea School**

Laleham Lea is a Catholic Independent Primary School situated in Purley, Surrey providing education for boys and girls aged 3 to 11 years. The school is rated 'excellent' by the ISI and aims to provide a broad, balanced and challenging curriculum within a happy learning environment. The majority of pupils are Catholic, but we warmly welcome children of all faiths who are sympathetic to our ethos.

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