

Appleby Academy Quartet Impress England Stars

Appleby Academy juniors Kelsey Le Maistre, Jack Mills, Oliver Griggs and Jordan Wykes returned recently from a table tennis training camp run by England National Team Coach Alan Cooke and former England Ladies Champion Nicola Deaton. Assisting Cooke & Deaton were a host of table tennis stars, both past and present, including former European Champion John Hilton, 11 times national champion Desmond Douglas, Commonwealth Gold medallist Alex Perry, the current Ladies Number 1 (Joanna Parker) and number 2 (Kelly Sibley) and the current Jersey Open Champion, and Number 1 England U21 player Damien Nicholls.

Alan Cooke and Desmond Douglas (two legends in the sport) was particularly impressed with the hard work, discipline and application of the Jersey Appleby Academy Juniors which came as no surprise to him as he coached Jersey's Table Tennis Development Officer, Craig Gascoyne, when he was an England U18 international. Under 13 Channel Island Champion Griggs was named player of the week by the Coaching staff for his positive attitude both on and off the table.