

# ERNEST BEVIN COLLEGE PRESS RELEASE

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## **ERNEST BEVIN RANKED NO. 1 JUDO SCHOOL IN THE COUNTRY**

Ernest Bevin College has emerged as the top British school for judo following a haul of five medals at the British Schools Judo Championship. The boys representing the school in Tooting, SW London faced the best competitors from 460 schools to win two Gold, two Silver and one Bronze medal at this year's competition. A record number of schools entered judoka into this year's competition which took place at the English Institute of Sport, Sheffield on the 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

Without a doubt the star athletes on this occasion were Omar Amaidia (aged 16) and Umar Zabboughi (aged 13) who both won Gold Medals to be crowned British Schools Champions 2018.

Omar Amaidia had an outstanding performance; prior to this event he had taken a break from competition to concentrate on his GCSE preparations. He put in the performance of his career to date, dispatching all of his opponents with a combination of throws and strangles. In the final he threw his opponent for the maximum score of Ippon.

Umar fighting in the SEN (Special Educational Needs) section on the Sunday fought and won all three of his matches on his way to the national title; it was a brilliant performance.

Shayden Walters (15) and Yusuf Lallmahamood (14) both fought in the heavyweight boys categories in their age bands and fought with great determination winning two matches apiece on their way to creditable Silver medals.

Adem Aouicha (14) in the under 50kgs boys category fought his way to the semi-finals where he made a small mistake before losing to the eventual gold medallist. He came back in fine style winning his Bronze Medal match by Ippon.

Eric Bonti, Head of Elite Sport at Ernest Bevin, said: "It was a brilliant end to what was a great weekend of Judo for the Ernest Bevin Judo team. Special congratulations to the boys who took part and thanks to all the coaches, who coach at college and at our community Judo club in the evenings."

All the schools who took part in the championships are ranked with points awarded for number of gold, silver & bronze medals as well as a point for each participant. Ernest Bevin came out top of the competition with the most medals of any school in the country, without counting Umar's Gold because medals won in the SEN competition were not counted in the overall table.

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Judo at Ernest Bevin College is supported by the charity Greenhouse Sports both in terms of increasing participation and coaching at this elite level.



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## Results

Omar Amaidia	British Schools Champion, U66kgs Boys Year 10/11
Umar Zabboughi	British Schools Champion, Over 73kgs Boys Year 8/9 (SEN category)
Yusuf LallMahamood	Silver Medal, Over 73kgs Boys Year 8/9
Shayden Walters	Silver Medal, Over 81kgs Boys Year 10/11
Adem Aouicha	Bronze Medal, U50kgs Boys Year 10/11



British Schools Judo Champions (Left to right): Yusuf LallMahamood (14), Omar Amaidia (16), Adem Aouicha (14) and Umar Zabboughi (13) & Sensei Mike Mounowah

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