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# Thornbury Leisure Centre nurtures talent for England Fencing Squad

Tabitha De N'Yeurt, who trains at Thornbury Leisure Centre, has been selected to play for the England Fencing Squad next month in an international tournament.

Tabitha will travel to Poland as part of the U15 Girls Foil Squad to represent England at 'Challenge Wratislavia' which will take place in Wroclaw, Poland, between 23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

Tabitha trains at Thornbury four times a week as well as using the gym and swimming pools for fitness and strength training. The centre is proud to support her, Leisure Centre Manager, Andy Robinson said:

"It has been great to watch Tabitha flourish as an athlete. She is an inspiration to all of us and shows what can be achieved through hard work and dedication to training. I would encourage anyone with an interest in any sport to come and give it a go, we encourage people of all levels - you never know, you could end up on the England squad!"

Tabitha said: "I can't believe that I have been selected to play for the England squad. It's the best feeling in the world to have all my hard work, sweat and tears pay off. It just goes to show that you need to believe in yourself no matter what."

Thornbury Leisure Centre is one of five leisure sites and two dual-use sports centres operated across South Gloucestershire by the not for profit organisation Circadian Trust.

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### **About Circadian Trust**

- Circadian Trust operates five leisure centre sites and two dual-use sports centres
  across South Gloucestershire in Bradley Stoke, Downend, Kingswood, Longwell
  Green, Patchway, Thornbury and Yate and is a company and charity. Working in
  partnership with South Gloucestershire Council, the community strategy and overall
  shared philosophy is to contribute to the improved health, cultural and social
  wellbeing of the local community improving quality of life.
- Working in partnership with South Gloucestershire Council, any profit made by the Trust is reinvested to improve facilities, equipment and services for its customers.
- Circadian Trust is celebrating its tenth anniversary as a trust.
- Circadian Trust is award winning with IIP Silver status, ISO 14001, ISO 9001 and ISP18001 accreditations. For more info please contact Ben Beasley (ben.beasley@circadiantrust.org)
- For more information, visit: www.circadiantrust.org

## **About Challenge Wratislavia 2017**

 Challenge Wratislavia is an international fencing tournament for children under 15 held in Wroclaw, Poland.

- The tournament has been a meeting place for young fencers from all over the world for many years.
- The competition will take place between 23<sup>rd</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> March 2017
- For more information, visit <a href="http://www.challengewratislavia.pl/en/">http://www.challengewratislavia.pl/en/</a>