

Young sports achiever aims for 2020 Olympics



Chloe with her sports award certificate.

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In the fourth part of a series of profiles celebrating the achievements of prize-winners at the inaugural Congleton Sports Awards, the *Chronicle* spoke to Eaton Bank Academy pupil Chloe Doggett, winner of the ceremony's young sports achiever award and a 2020 Olympics hopeful.

Year 10 pupil Chloe, (14), of Bosley, was nominated by her GCSE PE teacher Sue Richards in recognition of her commitment to a wide variety of sports, including pole vaulting, gymnastics, running, trampolining, football and cheerleading.

Speaking to the *Chronicle* on Monday, Ms Doggett explained how her passion for sport began at the age of four, when she started doing gymnastics at school. Her sporting port-

folio grew, and now she has ambitions for the 2020 Olympics in pole vaulting.

Ms Doggett, a member of Macclesfield Harriers who has unofficially beat the Macclesfield pole vault record by 10cm, said: “I do a lot of different sports but pole vaulting is my main one. I train at Sportcity (at Manchester City Football Club) and my ambition is to make the 2020 Olympics.”

Chloe's early sporting achievement is even more remarkable as she has suffered from knee problems. A tendon was not growing at the same time as the knee.

Ms Doggett added that she was completely humbled to have been up for the young sports achiever award: “I felt proud just to have been nominated, and it was nice for Ms Richards to have thought about me.

“But when I won the award I just couldn't believe it. It was just an amazing feeling, even though it was a bit scary going up in front of all those people.”

Ms Richards, head of PE at Eaton Bank, told the *Chronicle* that she was determined to see

Ms Doggett's commitment recognised.

“I wanted to nominate Chloe for the award because with her being from Bosley, I wasn't able to nominate her for a bursary at the awards ceremony because for that category it was Congleton residents only. But I definitely wanted to see Chloe recognised for her commitment, and I thought it was only fair.

“She is just a pleasure to work with and to teach. You couldn't ask for a nicer kid. She always tries her best and the way she has overcome the problems with her knee has just been amazing.

“Chloe just seems to have enthusiasm for everything, including going in goal in football! She is one of the reasons that you go into teaching, and I am sure she will get an outstanding GCSE in PE.

“I was delighted and she was delighted to have won the award. She went through every single Richards in the Winsford area in the phone book to try and find me and let me know! We were all very proud of her.”

Ms Richards also backed Ms Doggett's ambition to star in the 2020 Olympics: “I would love to see her go further beyond school. Her pole vaulting is taking off, and it seems to be something that is going for her.”