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## **EBC JUDO COACH GETS TEAM GB CALL UP**

Winston Gordon, judo coach at Ernest Bevin College in Tooting, has received his call up for TEAM GB. Gordon aged 35 is already a two-time Olympian, having competed at Athens in 2004 and Beijing in 2008, but despite injury and set backs was determined to make it to the party:

“What can be better than representing your country in your home city at the Olympics? I have been working towards this for so long; it was great to get the letter confirming I am part of the squad. But so much can happen between now and July and I know this is when the really hard work begins.”

Winston knows the feeling of a teeming domestic crowd driving British athletes on to glory as he was spurred on to gold at the Commonwealth Games in Manchester in 2002 and the South Londoner is hoping to harness plenty of support in his home city next summer.

“I have that feeling from Commonwealth Games which was phenomenal and one of the highlights of my career. But competing in at the London 2012 Olympics will just be the greatest feeling and I know the crowd will get behind us all the way.”

Winston became hooked on judo whilst a pupil at Ernest Bevin College, where he now coaches:

“Judo was part of the school curriculum. There was a display in assembly and P.E teacher Margaret Hicks asked if anyone wanted to try and escape a hold-down. I was one of the fortunate ones to get picked out and I couldn't get out the hold.”

Judo at EBC is supported by the Greenhouse charity and the judo programme continues to go from strength to strength with several young judoka reaching the top level. Despite the mammoth task of preparing for the Olympic stage one more time, Winston hopes by seeing him compete, it will push the young judoka on even more:

“We've got a good crop of children coming through and it's really starting to show. Hopefully we have more great days to come for these guys and we'll see what the future holds for not just me but them as well.”



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Following in their coaches footsteps, EBC judoka display their medals (left to right) Abubaker Al-shagga, Mohammed Alip-Nawaf, Aaron Mahoney-Jones (who has been selected for the England Judo Development programme), Festus Ahorlu and Lionel Sola Malonga



Sixth Former, Ryan Gordon won Young Official of the Year at the BJA Volunteer Awards Dinner in October. Ryan (centre) was presented with his award by British Judo Chairman Densign White (left) and Jim Toland, Vice President of the Northern Ireland Judo Federation.

EBC Phoenix Judo trains at Ernest Bevin College, Beechcroft Road, SW17 7DF. Boys and girls train on Monday and Thursday from 18:00 – 19:30 with men and women training on the same days at 19:30 – 21:00. For more information visit the club's website: <http://www.ebphoenixjudo.org.uk/>

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