



Danielle Kelly

Currently studying on the Level 3 Sport course as part of the Table Tennis Academy.

Danielle moved to Grantham to study, train and live in the halls at Grantham College. She is now completing a 2-year Level 3 Extended Diploma in Sport whilst training with our world-renowned Table Tennis Academy. Danielle progressed from our Under 16 Charles Read Table Tennis Programme which gave Danielle the opportunity to combine elite training with her education and complete her GCSEs to progress to a BTEC qualification at Grantham College.

Danielle competes in regular competitions and is now ranked fourth in the Welsh Junior rankings, second in the under 21's category, seventh in the senior rankings and 392 in the world junior rankings. "I've been selected for several ITTF World Junior Circuit events including French Open, Czech Open, Swedish Open and most recently the Belgium Open. As well of junior events, I've been selected to represent Wales at the Senior European Games Qualification held in Kosovo.

"During these junior events abroad, I've managed to pick up a string of successful results against players from all over the world who are ranked higher on the world rankings than me. This season in the UK, I have won a silver medal in Women's British League with my team Fusion, a silver medal in the under 21's event at the Welsh National Championships, a bronze medal in the women's event and silver in the junior doubles. In addition to this, I've played Grand Prix all over the country where I was able to win a band 2 event, a silver in the under 21's and a bronze of the women's category.

"Grantham College have fitted Table Tennis sessions around my school timetable and ensured that I am getting enough hours on the tables as well as in the classroom. If you fall behind on anything, then your timetable can always be adapted to fit the needs of each individual player. In addition to this, our strength & conditioning and SAQ expert coach has really helped in the recovery and physical aspect of table tennis. I believe that this is one of the many unique features that the academy has to offer which no other club has in the UK.

"The college has helped my table tennis progress so much since joining, and my results show that. Equally, the college has helped me with school and living in halls of residence where there is always someone there to help if you need it. Without the massive support team here at the Grantham College Academy I would not be as good a player I am now."