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Kirklees athletes fly the flag for GB

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Some of Kirklees' best young athletes are Team GB this weekend as the only representatives from this country in an international junior athletics competition in Italy.



Team GB

And they will get a taste of greater things to possibly come by taking part in an Olympic-style flag ceremony to start the meeting being held on Saturday, September 6, in the city of Majano.

The 16-strong team, aged from 12 to 15 years, are all winners from the Kirklees Schools Athletics Championships.

Accompanied by Kirklees Council coaches Andy Cook and Debra France-Sargeant, they flew to Italy in the early hours of Thursday, September 4, and after a day relaxing on a beach on the Adriatic Coast, will compete against teams from Italy and 11 other European countries in the 17th 'Citta di Majano' Trophy organised by the local athletics club, Libertas Majano Atletica Leggera.

The competition is for two age groups - born 1993/1994 and born 1995/1996.

Competing in the younger age group are:- girls - Katie Broomhead (60m), Tayla-Jade Booty (high jump), Annabel Hewitt (shot putt), Bethany Ellis (600m); boys - Michael McGowan (60m), Charlie Cole (high jump), Luke Robinson (shot putt), Elliot Kilner (600m)

In the older age group are:- girls - Chloe Roberts (80m), Georgina Hoare (high jump), Danielle Roach (shot putt), Rowena France (1000m); boys - Jordan McCleod (80m), Declan McGivern (high jump), Jack Blagbrough (shot putt), Thomas Halton (2000m).

Each foursome will also form a relay team.

The invite to take part was the result of contacts made by Kirklees coaches at a junior international athletics meeting held last summer in Kirklees' twin town of Bielsko Biala in Poland.

The trip is being subsidised by Kirklees Youth Games, Kirklees Schools Sports Partnerships and Kirklees Athletics Action Group.

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