

Rye College

The Paralympian: James Morgan - Rower

The Artists: Lynn Weddle- Photographer,
Anya Ustaszewski – Musician and
Gary Thomas - Filmmaker

The Young People: 25 young people of mixed ability,
including some from a feeder primary school.

'I think the Q&A was just amazing and so powerful, it made me proud to be disabled, because for once others could be 'disabled' too and see themselves in a positive light, despite negative ideas of disability' – Lynn Weddle

'This is the best thing I have ever seen for young people like this' – SENCO teacher

'I now know that despite my difference, I can succeed' Pupil



Driving Inspiration



A Creative Bucks project

Initially, the visiting Paralympian got the pupils working on team exercises to help imagine what it was like to row with visually impaired team mates.

Photographer Lynn worked with the pupils in creating self portraits that reflected their ambitions. They began by learning something about self-portraits and photography. Looking at sports photography, the young people considered the emotions behind winning and achieving an ambition to win a gold medal. They reflected on their own ambitions and how they might capture this moment in a self-portrait. The young people then created medals for their own achievements. They developed a series of self-portraits, selecting their favourites to be made into banners as part of a carnival.

Meanwhile, another group of students working with Anya the musician created music that reflected their image of themselves, or feelings of ambition and drive. They began by looking at photographs and experimenting with sounds to depict the scenes they were looking at, and devising ways of conducting each other.

In 2011 the work was taken to be part of a carnival in Northern France and will now be exhibited in the local Arts Centre.

