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## **Inspired pupils from Inverurie Academy win 3 Gold and a Silver Award at London 2012 education awards.**

**Some of the country's brightest young people visited Glasgow City Chambers to receive medals for their work on the Inspire-Aspire programme from Olympic Gold Medallist rower, Katherine Grainger CBE, IOC member Sir Craig Reedie CBE and the Lord Provost of Glasgow Cllr Sadie Docherty.**

The Inspire-Aspire Awards programme reached 25,000 young people this year by using the Olympic and Paralympic Games and the character qualities of Olympians to inspire young people to set personal goals and to develop future aspirations.

Inverurie Academy scooped up the majority of awards receiving a staggering 4 Medals from Katherine Grainger.

Winning a Gold, 1<sup>st</sup> and highest Level award at the event was Dornie Burnett from Inverurie Academy, who chose Nadia Comăneci as her inspirational figure as part of her work on the programme. Also receiving a Gold Level Award was Kevin Fyffe and Rachel Urquhart with Silver awarded to Andrew Mair.

Expressing her reasons for her chosen inspirational figure, Dornie said

*"How many future gymnasts did Nadia inspire? I don't know the exact number, but it is at least one, because she inspired me".*

Before presenting the awards, Olympian Grainger told an enthralled audience that it takes commitment and courage to reach the top. She spoke about how it was sheer determination that had helped her finish the race at the London Olympics in 2012. Grainger expressed how important using the Olympic and Paralympic values in everyday life can be, not just in sport.

Inspire-Aspire aims to help young people gain a better understanding of their own character qualities and values and inspire them to create a personal development plan. Dornie explained how much of an impact participating in Inspire-Aspire has had on her:

*"This was a great thing to be involved with, and I really enjoyed doing it."*

### **Notes to Editors**

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