

### Joseph Kamara

After playing badminton at school for the first time last year, Joe was invited to train with the Raw Group at the **West Midlands Performance Centre** on a Saturday morning at Birmingham University.



Joe entered his first tournament last month when he played at the N.I.A. at school's level, and won! This resulted in trials for the Warwickshire Schools County squad. Joe was successful in the trials and was selected to play in the under 13 age group category.

Joe's next tournament took us the short journey up the M6 to Stoke. Competing in the 2012 Staffordshire Schools' County "Under 12 Knotty Challenge"

Playing against boys from a variety of county and club squads was a great experience and has really raised the bar in terms of his level of play.

The coaches at the West Midlands Performance Centre have been really helpful and supportive as we learn more as a family about the sport of badminton. Joe's confidence has grown tremendously since training at the West Midlands Performance Centre and he will hopefully be playing for many years to come.

Liz Tunstall – Mum