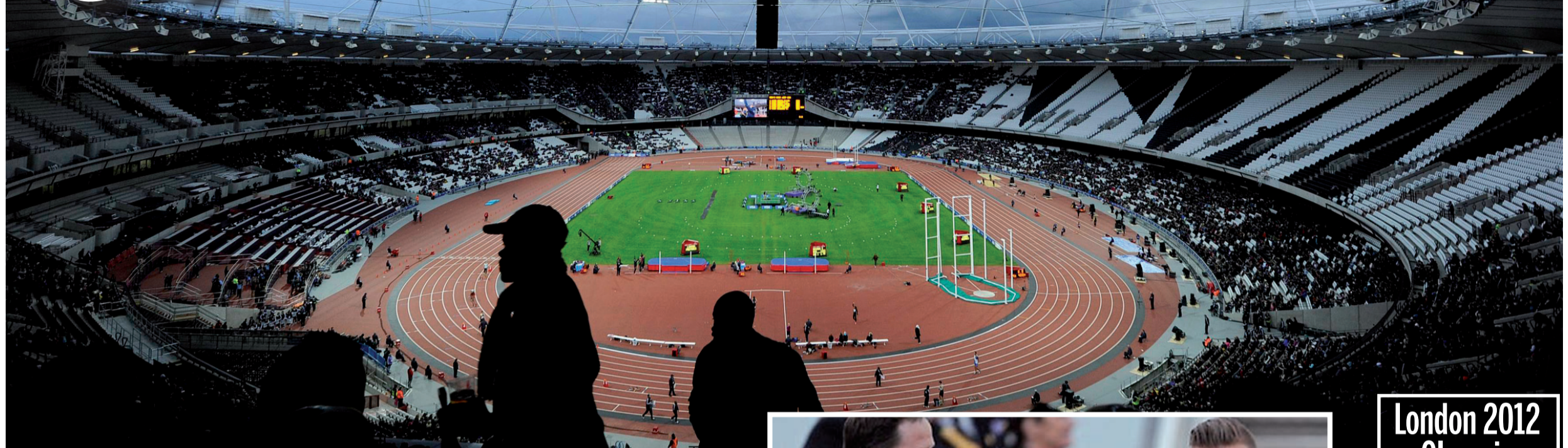


# London ready for Olympics 2012



## London 2012 Olympic Torch route

With every UK nation and region being covered, the Olympic torch is set to travel a colossal 8,000 miles in advance of the big games.

Leaving Land's End, Cornwall after its arrival from Greece on Saturday 19th May 2012, the torch will be carried by 8,000 "inspirational torchbearers" yet to be chosen. It is known that half of these people will be aged between 12 and 24 and 7,200 of them will be members of the public who have been nominated by people they know.

More names of places in the UK will be revealed in the next few months, but for the moment you can find out some of the key places that the Olympic torch route will cover over its 70 day travels in our handy info guide...

## David Beckham joins five young people to bring the Olympic Flame to the UK

London 2012 ambassador David Beckham, who was part of the successful London 2012 bid team in 2005, was joined by five young people invited to take part by LOCOG and the British Council in recognition of their commitment to sport and their role in promoting the Olympic values of friendship, excellence and respect within their school or college. The official delegation was led by British Olympic Association President and LOCOG Board Member HRH The Princess Royal, Chair of LOCOG Sebastian Coe, Minister for Sport and the Olympics Hugh Robertson and Mayor of London Boris Johnson. The young people have been selected from schools and colleges involved in the London 2012 Get Set Education program and school linking programs run by the British Council. As well as visiting some of the schools in Athens they are linked with, the young people are set to have a starring role in the Handover Ceremony at the Panathenaic Stadium. Sebastian Coe, Chair of LOCOG, said: "We wanted to involve young people from across the UK in bringing home the Olympic Flame. Their stories of personal achievement and contribution to sport echo the 8,000 inspiring Torchbearer stories that will be shared over the next ten weeks in the build up to the start of the Games. Working with one of our most inspiring sports people is also fitting for this hugely exciting time for the London 2012 Games. Representing Scotland is rugby player Dennis Coles, age 17 from Doon Academy, Dalmellington, East Ayrshire; representing Northern Ireland is talented hockey player Chloe Brown, age 18 from South Eastern Regional College, Bangor and representing Wales is Swansea Harriers athlete and Mumbles Rangers FC player Sean White, age 17 from Bishop Vaughan Catholic School in Swansea.

Representing Cornwall is Falmouth Ladies hockey player Georgia Higgs, age 15 from Helston Community College and School Sports Ambassador and athlete Sakinah Muhammad, age 15 from Clapton Girls' Academy. Hackney represents London where the Olympic Flame will light the cauldron signifying the start of the Olympic Games on the evening of 27 July 2012.

### Major Cities on the route

- Bristol
- Cardiff
- Liverpool
- Belfast
- Glasgow
- Aberdeen
- Newcastle
- Manchester
- Sheffield
- Nottingham
- Oxford
- Southampton
- Brighton & Hove
- Dover

### Other areas

As well as these major towns and cities, the Olympic torch route is also to travel through many other important spots in the UK...

- Small towns and villages
- Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty
- Sports venues
- Community hubs



### London 2012 Olympic venues

<b>Wembley Arena</b> Badminton, Rhythmic Gymnastics	<b>Wembley Stadium</b> Football	<b>Lord's Cricket Ground</b> Archery	<b>ExCel</b> Boxing, Fencing, Judo, Table Tennis, Taekwondo, Weightlifting, Wrestling
<b>Hyde Park</b> Triathlon, Marathon, Swimming	<b>North Greenwich Arena</b> Artistic Gymnastics, Trampoline, Basketball	<b>The Royal Artillery Barracks</b> Shooting	<b>Greenwich Park</b> Equestrian - Jumping, Dressage and Eventing, Modern Pentathlon (riding, combined event)
<b>Earls Court</b> Volleyball	<b>Wimbledon</b> Tennis	<b>The Mall</b> Athletics (Marathon and Race Walk), Road Cycling (Road Race)	<b>Horse Guards Parade</b> Beach Volleyball
<b>Hampton Court Palace</b> Road Cycling (Time Trial)	<b>The Olympic Park</b>		

### Out of London venues

<b>Hampden Park</b> Football	<b>St James' Park</b> Football
<b>Lee Valley White Water Centre</b> Canoe Slalom	<b>Hadleigh Farm</b> Mountain Bike
<b>Old Trafford</b> Football	<b>City of Coventry Stadium</b> Football
<b>Millennium Stadium</b> Football	<b>Weymouth and Portland</b> Sailing
<b>Eton Dorney</b> Rowing, Canoe Sprint	

### Olympic Park venues

<b>BMX Track</b> BMX Cycling	<b>Velodrome</b> Track Cycling	<b>Water Polo Arena</b> Water Polo
<b>Basketball Arena</b> Basketball, Handball	<b>World Square</b>	<b>Aquatics Centre</b> Diving, Swimming, Synchronised Swimming, Modern Pentathlon (swimming)
<b>Eton Manor Paralympic venue</b>	<b>Energy Centre</b>	<b>Olympic Stadium</b> Athletics
<b>Riverbank Arena</b> Hockey	<b>Copper Box</b> Handball, Modern Pentathlon (fencing)	



Source: LOCOG