



WFCCP Update

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BACK TO SCHOOL

From Monday 1st September our coaches are back in schools working with our 10 school partners. The staff will be delivering PE lessons, PPA cover, after school clubs and extra-curricular activities to the children that attend throughout the academic year. Our new modern apprentice sports coaches will also be working alongside our full-time staff with our ongoing weekly coaching provisions in the schools, Saturday club, birthday parties, and other community initiatives.



SCHOOL PARTNERS GAME

Not only are we working in schools, the Walsall FC Schools Partners game will be taking place at Walsall V Charlton game on 13th October. The initiative offers reduced tickets to local primary schools to encourage the next generation of Saddlers fans. Over the 10 years the event has been running, we have sold over 20,000 tickets with more than £10,000 cash going back to local schools. With the Walsall first-team having a successful start to the season we are hoping for lots of young supporters to attend the match creating a great atmosphere in the stadium.

NEW TO THE TEAM

Alongside our new modern apprentice sports coaches joining we are also excited to appoint Alex Moore (pictured left) as our new Premier league Primary Stars Officer, and Liam Pike (right) as our Assistant Mini Kickers Officer. Alex will be leading on the Premier League Primary Stars programme, inspiring children to learn, keep active and develop important life skills. PL Primary Stars focuses on key subjects in schools, hosting English, Maths, PE and PSHE sessions for school children around the country.





Liam, on the other hand, will be looking to enhance our activities for 2-4 year olds. He will be leading sessions based on the Mini Movers programme in local nurseries, focusing his teaching on fundamental movements and motor skills.

SOCCER SCHOOLS

Throughout five weeks of the summer break we ran Soccer schools for 6-14 year olds in which children came to enjoy some football fun with staff. Players also surprised the children by visiting the sessions, including Zeli Ismail, Liam Kinsella and Joe Edwards (right). The Saddlers not only greeted the children but took part in their free time and played matches with the group. The players also spent time signing autographs for the children and posed for photos with many of the young players there that day.

Although Summer Soccer schools came to an end on the 31st August, Saddlers Soccer Saturdays will continue to run every weekend of the year. Saddlers Soccer Saturdays cater for 3-14 year-old boys and girls. They are one-hour sessions hosted by our coaches, with each week targeting a specific skill. Any child can attend for £4 a session at the Banks's Stadium.



MATCH VISITS

At Walsall FC Community Programme we are also offering match visits for junior teams, local schools and other community groups. Match visits include a coaching session at the stadium, tickets to watch Walsall FC first team play, a signed ball per team and more.

As well as our new staff we have also recruited an Assistant Inclusion Officer, Jamie Shelley-Ewan who, over the next few months, will be focusing on engaging more under-represented groups. A project he is leading is 'Swiftly's Pen and Play', which involves visiting 15 different schools to host a writing competition with students. Walsall FC players will also join Jamie on the visits, with the winners receiving exclusive prizes such as Soccer School places and match day visits.

TALENTED & GIFTED AND MJPL

In line with the school term our Talented and Gifted development groups are also starting back this month. We are also excited to announce the Elite development under 13s and under 16s will be representing Walsall FC community programme in the Midland Junior Premier League. This is the first time we have entered any team into this league and will keep you up to date with how they are getting on.

WALKING FOOTBALL

Finally, our walking football sessions are continuing to run on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays. On Saturday the 8th our walking football team are playing the Wales Over 50s National Team. One of Walsall's walking footballers, Adrian McGregor (middle), has made the Wales squad so will be representing both teams during the match.



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