

On course for football future

A PROFESSIONAL football club has teamed up with a school to launch a training programme for budding players dreaming of a future in the sport.

Langley Academy has this week been revealed as the home of a new Wycombe Wanderers (WWFC) football and education site for students in the south.

The school in Langley Road will be the league one team's second site offering training by full-time professional WWFC coaches, alongside football related studies within the school environment.

Wayne Edwards, head of faculty for sport, PE and community at the school, said: "The opportunities that our learners will now have as a result of the partnership with WWFC is great. Having the course based at the academy allows us to have full control over the educational aspects of the course, while having the club's coaches visibly on-site promoting the football side of the course."

Students will study BTEC National Diplomas in sport and play home fixtures representing the club on the

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show pitch at the academy.

Ashley Smith, WWFC community manager, said: "The club has proved already with our site at Stokenchurch that we're committed to offering learners an opportunity to improve their football development while they study for qualifications they may not have been interested in without the

club's involvement. The turnaround in attitude and discipline of some of the students is a testament to their desire to prove that they do have a lot to offer to the club and their local community."

The course, running from September, will be open to 25 students aged 16 and over.

Anyone interested in applying, should email info@wycombewandererslearning.co.uk for application forms.



■ **THE WANDERERS:** Rhodri Bryant, incoming headteacher, Ivor Beeks the football club chairman, Wayne Edwards, school head of faculty for sport and PE, Lindsey Humber, head of sixth form and Ashley Smith, Wycombe Wanderers community trust manager. 121549