

Dear Parents,

Thank you for the positive emails I have had this week regarding The Academy and the start to the new season. The coaches have great enthusiasm towards the group we have at the moment and we feel they not only have real potential but are so keen in training.

The under 8 and 9 boys played against Spurs on Monday with Wayne and Mike. The result went against us but that is not our main concern. We have only just started as a group so the boys are still getting to know each other. The coaches were very pleased with the way the players represented themselves and the academy. Spurs put in there under 9 group first and then the under 8 team. We were mainly under 8 players on the night.

The boys kept trying to play and improved which is all we can ask. Thank you to the boys and parents for getting them to Thurrock. Photos are now on [www.Nickyhayes.com](http://www.Nickyhayes.com) from the night. They will also be on our website and we aim to get a photo in the Echo.

Half term games have been a problem due to teams pulling out due to lack of players. We also have a few away and found it not fair to play without them. Games are now as follows.

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November under 10/11 boys v Spurs at Gable Hall School, Thurrock. Meet 6.45pm (under 12 boys will be included) .

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November u7/8/9 boys V southend United, at King Edmunds (normal training night)

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December under 11 and 12 v Southend United, again normal training night.

On the first Wednesday back (4<sup>th</sup> November) we are looking to bring in club teams to play under 7,8,9. On Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November the 10/11/12 boys will have games. Training will take place as normal for all other age groups. PLEASE CAN ALL PLAYERS BRING BOOTS AND TRAINERS TO TRAINING EVERY WEEK, kit for games will be provided but it would be helpful if players can wear white shorts and socks each week.

Please keep an eye on the website games section for latest info.

Training will take place next Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> October, 3.15-4.45pm at Plumberow. If your child is on the soccer school you can obviously leave them all day until 4.45pm. Places are booking out on the soccer school, if you wish your child to come please book asap.

Well done Mrs Hardingham for picking up my intentional mistake, training resumes on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November and not the 5<sup>th</sup>!. This is at King Edmund school astro turf. We will be there from 4.45pm. It will take place from 5-6pm, we will give further notice to when sessions will be extended.

The down side to Wednesday evening is the amount of games that take place that night. I am at a game tonight in what is a really busy time, and Matt is playing. We still have many coaches here, Wayne Purser is one of our new coaches, Wayne played at Orient and Peterborough United.

Our enthusiasm and commitment remains very high and we feel the Academy is kicking on now. We are always interested in sponsors and please let as many good players as possible know how well the Academy is going.

Thank you for your continued support, as ever if you have any questions please contact Kevin on 07768 581205.

Regards

Kevin, Matt and all the Academy Staff