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## MESSAGE FROM MEGAN REID LEAD THERAPIST AND MENTOR

Dear Student,

Welcome to our third Newsletter of this 2019/20 academic year. This newsletter will of course remind you what is on offer as a BW PASE Academy and BW Fitness & Wellbeing student, as well as contains some exciting news since our previous newsletter, exciting new site proposals for the development of Meadow Park and our brand new kit offer for the 2020/2021 season.

This year to date has been another very successful one so far for the BW PASE Academy. Of note, no less than EIGHT players have made their First Team debuts this season, as well as the Academy producing yet another England College International in Luke Brophy, taking the Academies total to 27, which is an astounding achievement.

In addition to this, Academy graduate Sorba Thomas has been performing to extremely high levels for the First Team in the Vanarama National League, to the extent that he was recently called up to the England C squad to take on Wales C later this month.

With us now well into the 2019/20 academic year, we are sure you are making use of the facilities and enrichment opportunities that are on offer to you all as part of BW PASE Academy and BW Fitness & Wellbeing programmes, however as a reminder below are some of the services and opportunities that are available to you: -

- Fully qualified personal trainers with over 10 years in the industry
- Fully equipped gym for your use on site at Boreham Wood FC
- Tailor made fitness programs specific to your needs
- Customised dietary plans
- All injury treatment and advice given whether footballing injury or something else, overseen by our medical department
- A brand new 4G astro pitch built for your training sessions
- Subsidised training kit offer, which will also give you a season ticket to all Boreham Wood FC home National League games, plus Arsenal FC development home games played at Meadow Park
- You can also receive subsidised hot meals for £1.50 daily onsite at Boreham Wood FC, if you purchase a training kit set
- A minibus service to and from the Wood Street campus for training onsite at Boreham Wood FC regular correspondence from us with club updates and fitness and nutrition advice

Please note if you want more information on any of the above services or facilities please give one of the team a call on 020 8953 5716.

As I'm sure you are all aware, the First Team currently occupy a play off position in the Vanarama National League. Please take advantage of your FREE season ticket for our remaining five home games of the season and cheer the boys on into the play off positions come the end of the season. It would be great to see as many of you as possible at our remaining home games of the campaign.

Lastly, as a reminder to all students, as you are aware the world is currently going through an outbreak of the new Coronavirus (COVID-19), which has now reached our shores in the United Kingdom. As such, we just want to remind you all to follow the latest government and NHS advice around hand washing and the use of hand sanitisers if soap is not accessible. Extra measures have been taken at all our Academy sites to ensure the site has additional cleaning daily and all areas have access to either soap or hand sanitizer. If anyone is planning on travelling abroad in the next few weeks or over the half term break, could you please inform a member of staff.

Kind Regards,

**MEGAN REID**



# TERM 2 TIMETABLES

## FOOTBALL TRAINING SCHEDULE

ALL SESSIONS ON SITE AT BOREHAM WOOD FC. PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE IS A MINI BUS PICK UP FROM WOOD STREET CAMPUS AT 11.45AM, 2PM AND 3.30PM.

	SESSION 1	SESSION 2	SESSION 3	SESSION 4
MONDAY	10.30-11.30AM	12-1.30PM	2-3.30PM	4-5.30PM (GYM AT 4-5.30PM, TOO)
TUESDAY	10.30-11.30AM	12-1.30PM	2-3.30PM	GYM SESSION 4-5.30PM
WEDNESDAY	MATCHDAY			
THURSDAY	10.30-11.30AM	12-1.30PM	2-3.30PM	GYM SESSION 4-5.30PM
FRIDAY	10.30-11.30AM	12-1.30PM	2-3.30PM	4-5.30PM

## FITNESS AND WELLBEING SCHEDULE

ALL SESSIONS ON SITE AT WOOD STREET CAMPUS.

	MENTOR-ING	SESSION 1	BREAK	SESSION 2	STAFF
MONDAY	NO SESSIONS				
TUESDAY	3.30-4.00PM	4.00-4.45PM	4.45-5.00PM	5.00-5.45PM	ANGELIKA BROWN
WEDNESDAY	NO SESSIONS				
THURSDAY	3.30-4.00PM	4.00-4.45PM	4.45-5.00PM	5.00-5.45PM	ANGELIKA BROWN
FRIDAY	NO SESSIONS				

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# OUR TEAM

## SENIOR MANAGEMENT



**DANNY HUNTER**  
CHAIRMAN



**CHARLIE HUNTER**  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE



**LUKE GARRARD**  
HEAD OF FOOTBALL



**CIARA DYER**  
FINANCE DIRECTOR



**MANDEE MORRIS**  
COMMERCIAL EXECUTIVE

## COACHING TEAM



**CAMERON MAWER**  
ACADEMY MANAGER



**CONNOR SMITH**  
HEAD ACADEMY COACH



**RICKY SHAKES**  
COACH



**DANNY WOODARDS**  
COACH



**FEMI ILESANMI**  
COACH



**TOM CHAMPION**  
COACH



**DAVID STEPHENS**  
COACH



**JAMAL FYFIELD**  
COACH



**KANE SMITH**  
COACH



**SORBA THOMAS**  
COACH

## MEDICAL DEPARTMENT



**MEGAN REID**  
CLINICAL LEAD



**ANGELIKA BROWN**  
ACADEMY THERAPIST



**ADAM WOODROW**  
ACADEMY THERAPIST



**RYAN CARTER**  
MEDICAL INTERN



**HOLLY WHITER**  
MEDICAL INTERN

## OTHER SUPPORT STAFF



**ELLIOT ALLUM**  
ACADEMY ANALYST



**MARTIN BRENNAN**  
ACADEMY GK COACH



**DANIEL HUNTER**  
MAINTENANCE



**LORETTA BROWNE**  
KIT MANAGER



**MARK HUGHES**  
ASST. KIT MANAGER



**MAY MASON**  
CATERING MANAGER



**DELL WARD**  
ACADEMY SECRETARY



**SUE HODSON**  
ACADEMY ADMIN



**BEN WILEY**  
MEDIA INTERN



**NICOLE COX**  
MEDIA INTERN



# PUMA

## THE BW PASE ACADEMY X PUMA



In 2019, Boreham Wood FC made their first steps into commercial teamwear partnerships when we teamed up with German sportswear giants PUMA to become the Club's official teamwear partner on a 2-year deal.

As a result of this agreement, the BW PASE Academy players, coaches and teachers are kitted out with PUMA training and travel wear, with all items branded with both Boreham Wood FC and PUMA logos.

Both existing and incoming BW PASE Academy students will be excited to find out that for the 2020/21 season, the Academy has decided that the training and travel kit set by PUMA will remain the same. **HOWEVER, WE HAVE DECIDED FOR THE 2020/21 SEASON WE WILL MAKE OUR KIT COMPLETELY FREE OF CHARGE FOR ALL BW PASE ACADEMY PLAYERS** (if educated onsite at BWFC, terms & conditions apply.) This would typically cost £175.00 per player, but for the 2020/21 season will be completely FREE!!!

As the season progresses, as part of the agreement, PUMA will send their boot van which is fully stocked with all the latest PUMA boots in an array of colour ways and sizes for the Academy players to try out during training sessions. In addition, the players will be given exclusive discounts when the boot van is on site, so they can get any new PUMA boots of their choice at a discounted price.

Lastly, as part of our Academy Player of the Month award, in partnership with PUMA, our chosen player will get a PUMA 'goody bag' with selected PUMA items such as undershirt, undershorts, gloves, snoods, water bottles etc.

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# FREE KIT

FOR 2020/21 BW PASE ACADEMY  
PLAYERS CAN RECEIVE OUR PUMA TRAINING  
KIT **COMPLETELY FREE OF CHARGE!**

**KIT SET INCLUDES 7 ITEMS:**  
TRAINING JUMPER, T-SHIRT, SHORT & SOCKS  
TRAVEL 1/4 ZIP JUMPER, TROUSERS & KIT BAG  
ALL ITEMS BRANDED WITH BOTH BOREHAM WOOD FC & PUMA LOGOS

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# THE PLAYER PATHWAY

## FROM MEADOW PARK TO WEMBLEY STADIUM...

What is unique about the BW PASE Academy, is not only that we have a direct pathway into men's first team football at National League level, unlike many of the programmes of our kind that have no true affiliation to a senior Football Club, but we also have a track record of over 20 years of providing alternative exit routes for our players.

Whether that be to go onto University both in the UK and the USA on 'soccer' scholarships, as well as to enter either professional and semi-professional football, or even to go directly into the work place using the knowledge and skills gathered whilst on the programme studying your chosen education course.

Our player pathway is simple and involves 5 tiers. Some players may only ever stay at one tier, others may progress through all tiers, whilst others may skip levels out completely during their progression.

### CATEGORY 2 AND 3

We start with our category 2 and 3 groups who play in the National League Youth Alliance, as well as the AoC Sport Leagues, which are operated by the English College's Football Association. These leagues provide frequent competitive football for our players to develop in a professional landscape alongside likeminded players and coaches.

### UNDER 18S

The next level in our player pathway is our Under 18's group. This team is entered into the Southern Counties Floodlit Youth League and plays on midweek evenings within non-league football stadiums across the home counties. This is a very competitive level, of which we target both the league and cup titles every year. This group will also get the opportunity to play in the prestigious FA Youth Cup, and if drawn at home, these games are played within our Meadow Park Stadium and on those occasions the players are treated identically to the first team in every aspect.

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### UNDER 19S NATIONAL LEAGUE FOOTBALL ACADEMY

The progression from our Under 18's group is into our Under 19's National League Football Academy group. The National League Football Academy is a newly formed accreditation given to only the best Academies of our kind that satisfy a demanding criteria in terms of facilities and coaching staff. We are one of just 22 Academies across the whole country who met the grading criteria and play within the southern section made up of 12 teams. In addition to this league, our Under 19's will also represent the Club in the National Cups, including both the National League Youth Alliance and English College's FA National Cups, which we target year-on-year.

### BOREHAM WOOD FC FIRST TEAM

With our Head of Football Luke Garrard being the First Team Manager and Academy Manager Cameron Mawer being the First Team Coach, our Academy set up provides great synergy and a clear pathway from the Academy into the First Team. In addition, we also have a number of First Team players who couple their player duties with coaching roles within the Academy, namely Danny Woodards, Ricky Shakes, Tom Champion, David Stephens, Femi Ilesanmi, Jamal Fyfield, Kane Smith and Sorba Thomas. These players serve as examples to our Academy players of what it takes to become professional footballers and are on hand to give BW PASE Academy support and advice whenever needed.

The next progression following the Under 19's group is our First Team here at Boreham Wood FC. Of all the progressions along our 'player pathway' this is probably the hardest to accomplish and in truth should be broken down into the smaller, more achievable milestones, as becoming a complete player at National League level overnight is a difficult task to say the least.

We recommend players target milestones such as, inclusion in First Team training, earn your squad number, make the bench, make an appearance in the Herts Senior Cup, and so on, before making your full First Team debut at National League level.

### OTHER EXIT ROUTES

As alluded to earlier in this section, once your time within the BW PASE Academy has come to an end, there are a number of exit routes available to our players, of which we will assist in every and any way possible.

These exit routes include University, both in the United Kingdom and abroad, most frequently on 'soccer' scholarships across the United States of America. In addition, players also progress into both professional and semi-professional football, as well as entering the work place directly utilising the qualifications you earned whilst completing your compulsory education whilst with the BW PASE Academy.

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# PASE PROS

## FROM GRASSROOTS FOOTBALL TO THE PROFESSIONAL GAME

### LEE HODSON

'Hoddo' started his time within the youth set up here at Meadow Park in 1999 before the BW PASE Academy had started, but played within our then renowned youth set called Boreham Wood 2000. However, he played in a very strong team and in 2004 he was amongst a number of players who were 'cherry picked' by Football League Academies and he joined Watford FC as a youth team player.

Hodson would go onto enjoy nine years at Vicarage Road as a youth team and later first team player, making 83 appearances for the Hornets, scoring one goal. Since then Lee has gone onto make over 200 professional appearances with the likes of Brentford, MK Dons, Glasgow Rangers, Kilmarnock, St. Mirren, and most recently Gillingham.

In addition to his club career, Lee also represents Northern Ireland on the international stage (famously assigned to man mark one of the world's greatest ever players Cristiano Ronaldo when Northern Ireland played Portugal.) In 2016, Lee was part of the Northern Ireland squad that reached the knockout stages of the European Championships, losing to eventual semi-finalists Wales in their last 16 tie.

### MATT WHICHELOW

Matty was a part of the same youth group at Boreham Wood 2000 as Lee Hodson, both joining the Watford FC Academy in 2004.

Whichelow went onto enjoy six years at Vicarage Road as a youth team and later first team player, making 21 first team appearances for the Hornets, scoring three goals.

Unfortunately, loan spells with Exeter City, Wycombe Wanderers and Accrington Stanley couldn't secure him a permanent deal to remain in the Football League, but this was much to the advantage of Boreham Wood, as Whichelow returned to Meadow Park after a nine-year absence.

Matty would go onto make 76 appearances for the Wood in the Conference South and National League, helping the Wood achieve promotion from the Conference South in 2014/15, as a mainstay in the Wood starting XI. During his time at Meadow Park, Matty would score 13 times for the club.

### COREY WHITELY

Corey started his time with the BW PASE Academy back in 2007, when the Academy was at its early beginnings. In truth the club, the Academy and its facilities were unrecognisable to what they are like now.

Corey was a bright spark within the Academy but found it difficult to break through into the first team on a consistent basis, leaving Meadow Park with three first team appearances to his name.

At that point, Corey entered the 'non-league circuit', with spells at Waltham Forest and Cheshunt, before joining Enfield Town in the Ryman Premier Division, where he really made a name for himself. During his time at the Queen Elizabeth Stadium, Corey made 120 appearances for Enfield Town, scoring on 46 occasions.

This led to Corey's big move to Dagenham & Redbridge, where he made 66 appearances, scoring 23 times, before National League big spenders Ebbsfleet United came calling, making 59 appearances, scoring 11 goals. During his spells with the Daggers and Ebbsfleet, Corey would make the National League play-offs on two occasions, which led to 2018/19 League Two play-off finalists Newport County vying and later securing his signature in the summer of 2019.

### KYLE VASSELL

Kyle is another player from the Boreham Wood 2000 era, developing his game with us here at Meadow Park over a 4-year period before signing with Norwich City as a youth team player and later Brentford on a scholarship terms.

During his time at Griffin Park, Kyle found it difficult to break into the first team set up, and eventually had to fall out of the Football League to get his chance at first team level. After 3-year period with a host of non-league semi-professional sides, Kyle signed with Bishop's Cleeve of the Conference South, and this is where he really made a name for himself as a dynamic and powerful goalscorer.

After a scintillating cup run to the FA Cup First Round Proper against Northampton Town, scoring 16 goals in 16 games prior to that game, League One Peterborough United came calling and Kyle signed two-and-a-half-year deal at the London Road Stadium. Kyle would go onto make 28 appearances for Peterborough before joining Blackpool in 2016.

It was at Blackpool where Kyle made his mark within the Football League, and over a two-year period with the club Kyle made 63 appearances for the Tangerines, scoring 22 times. During this time Kyle played a pivotal role in winning the League Two play-offs.

It was his time at Bloomfield Road that had Championship sides vying for his signature and in 2018, Kyle signed for newly promoted Rotherham United of the Championship.

In addition to his club career, Kyle also represents Northern Ireland on the international stage, making his debut against Austria in the UEFA Nations League in October 2018.

### INIH EFFIONG

Powerful striker Effiong joined the BW PASE Academy in 2009 from neighbouring St. Albans City, and was immediately included in the first team set up here at Meadow Park.

Inih would experience two spells with the club. Originally as an Academy player and on the fringes of the first team whilst in the Ryman Premier Division, Inih would return to Meadow Park in 2011 in the Conference South, spending two seasons with the Wood making 33 appearances.

Inih has now made well over 400 professional and semi-professional appearances, enjoying spells in the

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Scottish Premiership with Ross County, as well as the National League with Barrow, Woking and most recently Dover Athletic.

## PELLY RUDDOCK-MPANZU

**Pelly joined the BW PASE Academy in 2009 having previously only played Sunday League football, but his physical and technical abilities were apparent for every Academy coach to see.**

At the end of his first year, Pelly had established himself as a pivotal player within the Academy as a powerful box-to-box midfielder which earned him the opportunity to train with the first team. Pelly grasped this opportunity with both hands, and by the time the following season had started Pelly was included in the starting XI, making his debut for the club against Havant & Waterlooville in the Conference South on the opening day of the 2011/12 season.

It was this run in the first team at the tender age of 17-years-old which made Premier League and Academy giants West Ham United come calling, and Pelly signed a two-a-half-year contract with the Hammers.

Pelly would only make a single appearance for the Hammers in a 2-0 away win against Burnley in the League Cup. Then Hammers Manager Sam Allardyce commented, "This was their big chance. Three players, all defenders, Pelly Ruddock, Dan Potts and Leo Chambers, can feel very proud of themselves, what they've done."

Despite this remark, Pelly would join Luton Town the following season on a permanent basis in 2014. Pelly quickly became a cult hero at Kenilworth Road for his endless endeavour and energy, as well as some sublime goals from time-to-time. Pelly has now made over 200 appearances for the Hatters, helping them to earn three promotions during that period from the Conference Premier in 2013/14, EFL League Two in 2017/18 and League One in 2018/19, making him the most decorated BW PASE Academy professional we have produced.

## SIMEON AKINOLA

**Simeon joined the BW PASE Academy in 2009 and quickly made a name for himself within the Academy set up scoring 53 goals in his first season as an Academy player.**

Simeon would spend a further two seasons here at Meadow Park but couldn't nail down a regular starting place, making 21 appearances for the Wood and scoring twice during this time.

After brief spells with Billericay Town and Harrow Borough, Simeon would join Conference Premier side Braintree Town under Danny Cowley. This is where Simeon would make a name for himself and enter the radar of many Football League sides. During his time at Cressing Road, Simeon would make 104 appearances scoring 19 goals.

However, Braintree couldn't keep hold of their prized possession and Simeon joined Football League side Barnet for a reported £40,000 transfer fee on 1st January 2017, making his debut just days later against Plymouth Argyle.

## CALAUM JAHRALDO-MARTIN

**Calaum spent just a single season with us here at the BW PASE Academy, but it was a hugely**

**influential one for him, as it would set him on his way to become a professional with Premier League outfit Hull City.**

Unfortunately, during a 3-year period with the Tigers, despite huge promise, Martin would only make a single first team appearance, against Middlesbrough in The FA Cup.

Martin has since played for Tranmere Rovers, Alloa Athletic, Leyton Orient, Oldham Athletic and Newport County.

In addition to his club career, Calaum also represented Antigua and Barbuda on the international stage, competing in the Caribbean Cup, CONCACAF Nations League and World Cup qualifiers.

## BEN GOODLIFFE

**Ben joined the BW PASE Academy in 2017 and quickly became a highly regarded player within the Academy amongst staff and players alike. After earning his first start for the first team away to Tranmere Rovers in the National League, as well as captaining the English College's FA, Championship side Wolves came calling.**

Ben signed a two-and-a-half-year deal at Molineux, enjoying a successful loan spell with Dagenham & Redbridge, before signing permanently with Sutton United of the National League in the summer of 2019.

## ILIMAN NDIAYE

**Iliman joined the BW PASE Academy in 2016 and earned a first team contract with the club in November 2017.**

Iliman was a pivotal player in our Academy winning five National titles between 2017 and 2019, and his performances resulted in lots of attention from professional academies, including trials with Bristol City, Chelsea and Sheffield United.

Ultimately, Sheffield United would win the race for his signature, signing a professional contract at Bramall Lane in August 2019.

## SORBA THOMAS

**Sorba is the latest BW PASE Academy player to graduate to our first team here at Meadow Park.**

During his time with the Academy, Sorba was the figurehead of our attacking line, which helped the Academy win five National titles between 2017 and 2019.

During the 2017/18 season, where Wood reached the National League promotion final at Wembley Stadium, losing out to Tranmere Rovers for a place in the Football League, Sorba came on in an attempt to salvage an equaliser, fulfilling every boy's dream of playing under the arch at the iconic Wembley Stadium.

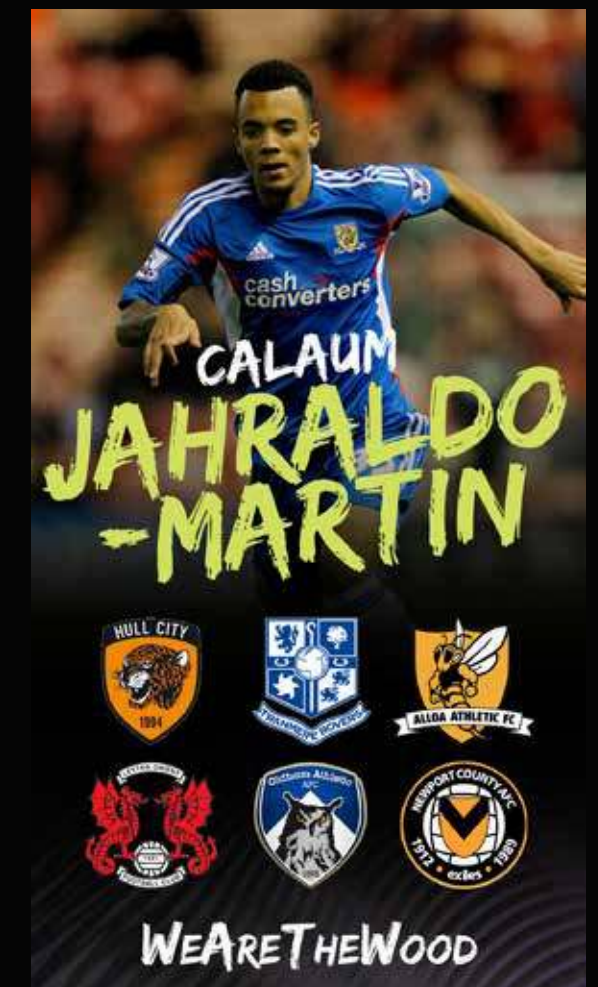
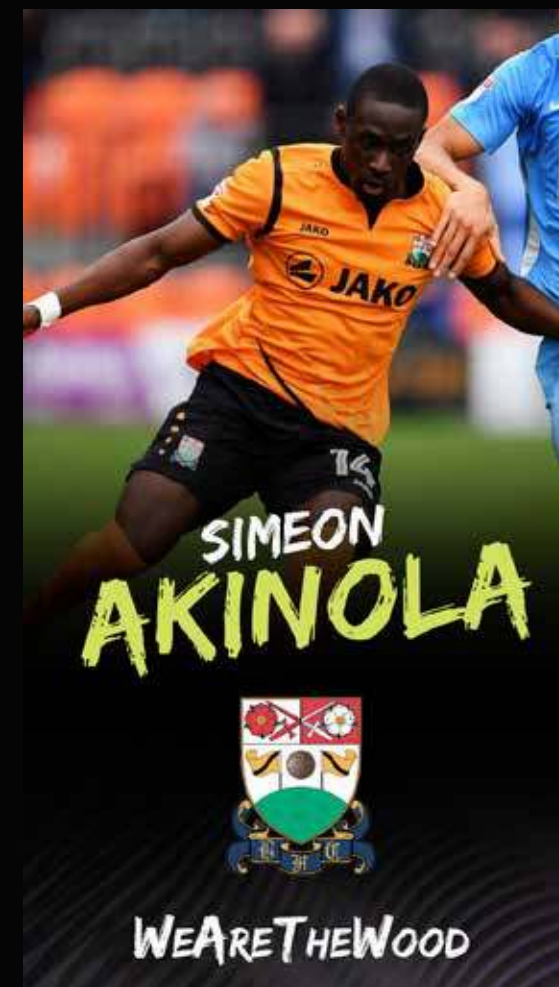
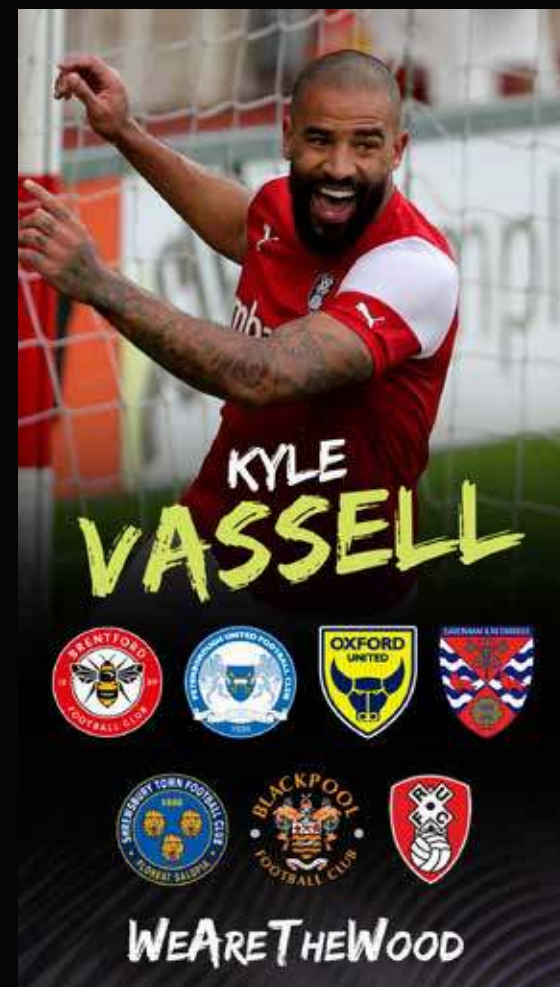
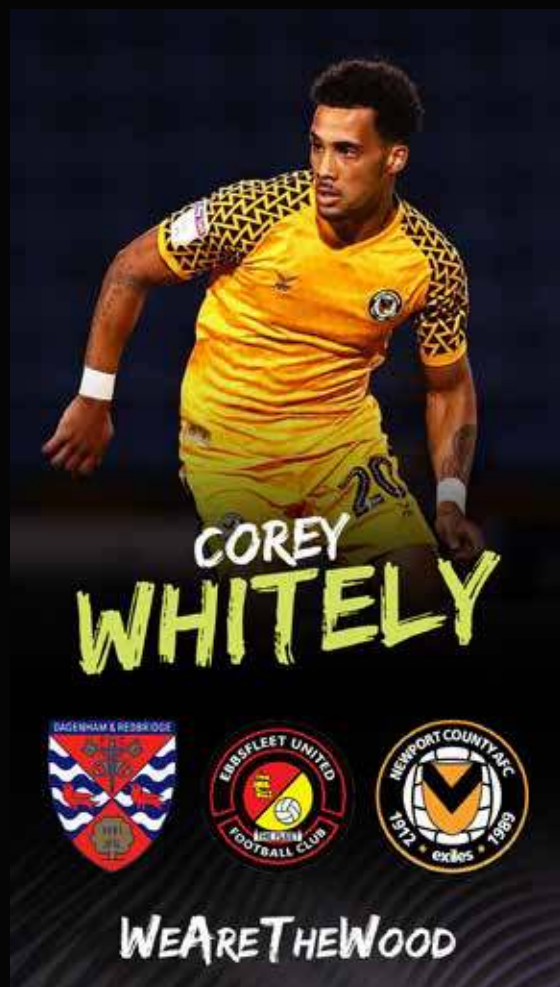
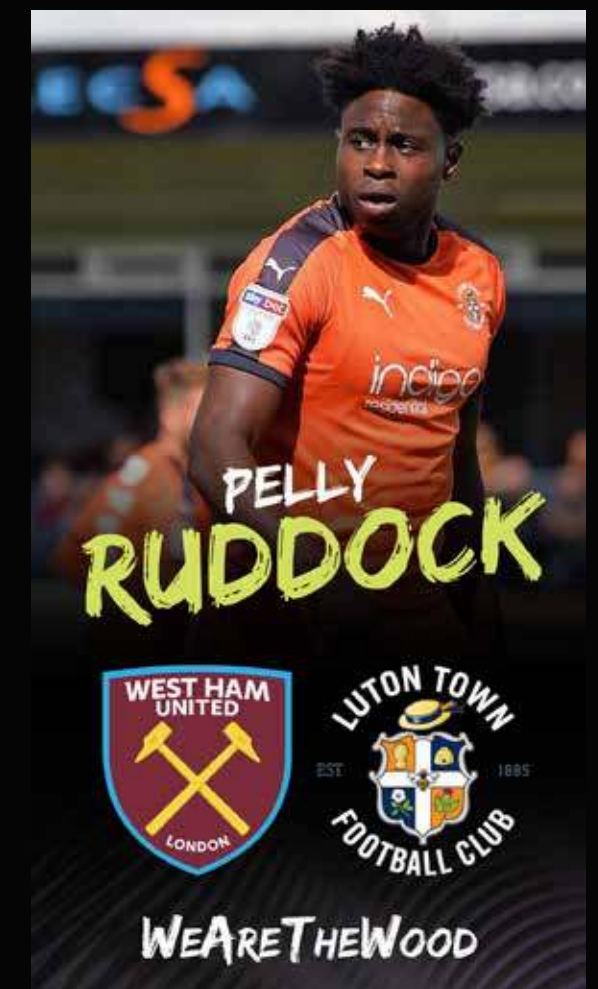
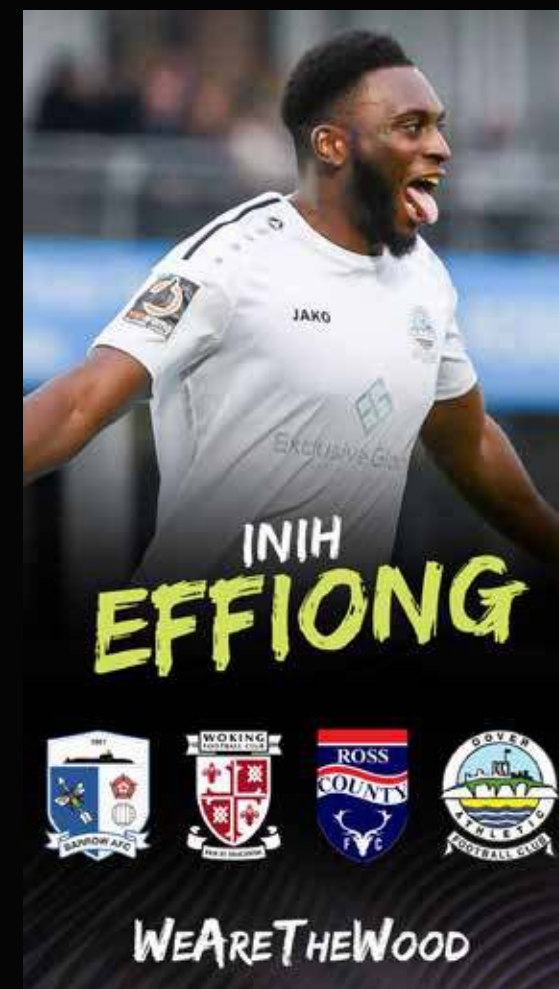
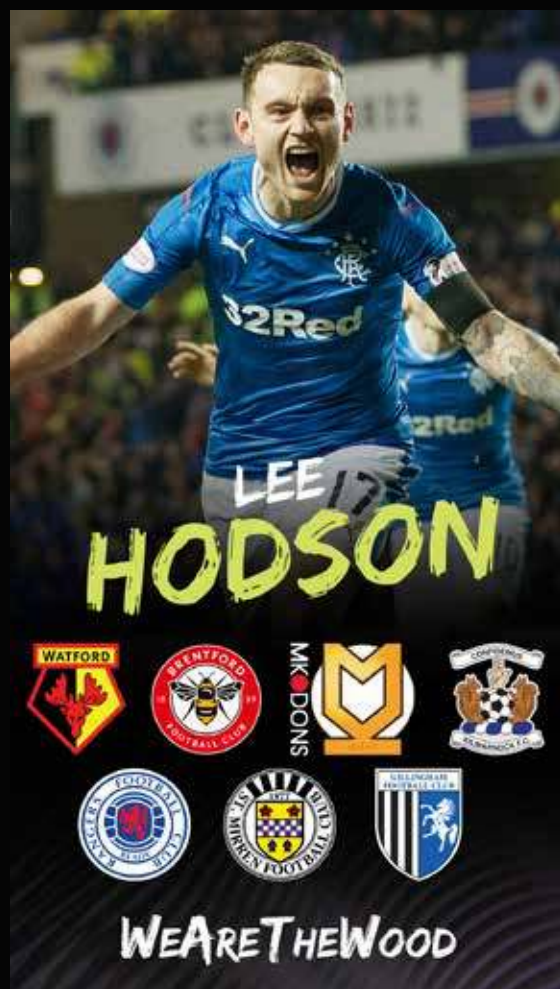
The 2018/19 season was somewhat of a breakthrough season for Sorba within the first team set up, making 32 appearances in the National League.

In August 2019, Sorba put pen to paper on a new three-year contract here at Meadow Park.

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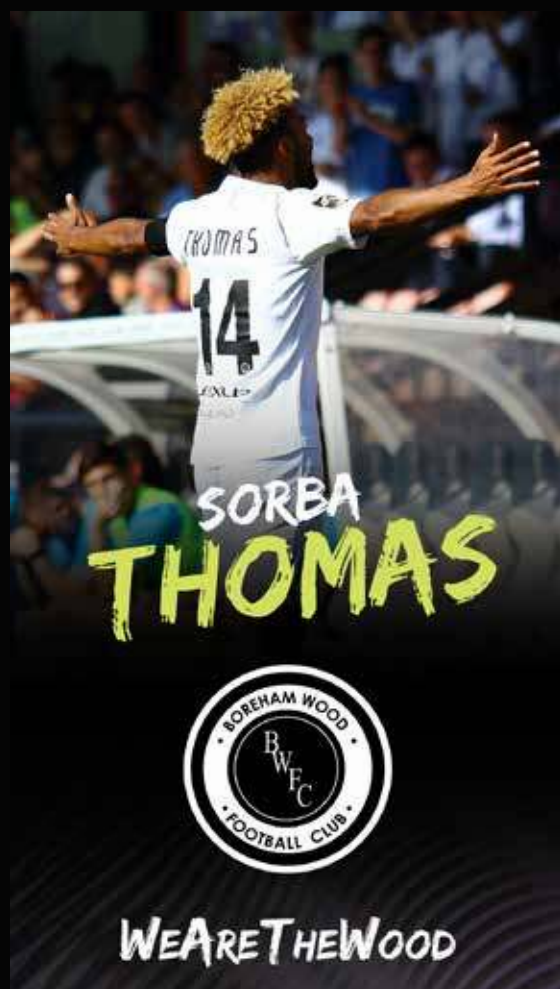
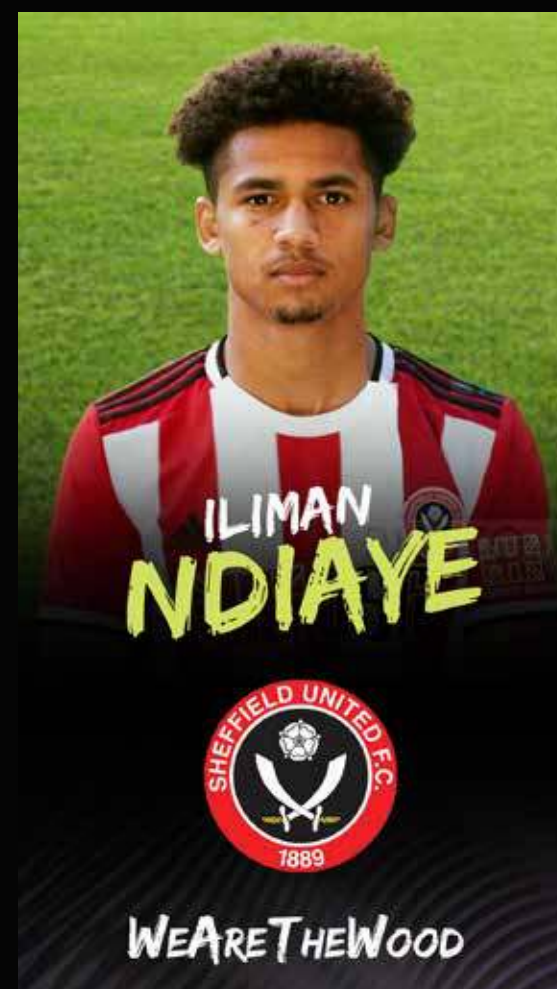




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On a wet and windy Tuesday evening in mid-December, Boreham Wood were on the wrong end of a 4-0 score line as we took on Royston Town in the Herts Senior Cup at their Garden Walk ground. However, despite the defeat, Wood named a squad consisting of no less than TEN young players from our renowned PASE academy, with SEVEN of those players making their first team debuts.

Despite the disappointing result, the game allowed Boreham Wood FC First Team Manager Luke Garrard to gauge our Academy strength, as it provided the opportunity for seven players to be rewarded with first team debuts, due to some impressive performances and the hard work within the youth academy and its staff.

Josh Rodriguez, Luke Brophy, Hamza Semakula, Darnell Kithambo and Kieron Owusu all started the game, whilst David Mensah and Prince Kandolo featured from the bench in the second half. These seven players joined Charlie Wickham, who made his debut earlier in the season in National League play against Chorley in front of the BT Sport cameras, making it eight total players from the Academy to make their senior debuts this season.

On the night it proved a step too far for some the young lads at this early stage in their development, however they would have learnt much from the experience, and sometimes it is in adversity that we learn most. Cameron Mawer said in a post-match interview, "The young boys will learn from it, and hopefully use it as a springboard, and now they know of the level they have to get to."

PASE Academy player Hamza Semakula deserved a special mention as he held his own in the midfield despite difficult conditions. Semakula has been impressive for the PASE Academy since joining the scheme 18 months ago, and now adds his senior debut to his international accolades of last season, when he earned himself a call up to the England College's FA national team. Cameron Mawer was quoted in a post-match interview saying, "Hamza ran his socks off and was effective when he managed to get on the ball."

Luke Brophy also deserves a special mention after he worked tirelessly playing left-wing back. Brophy also adds his first team debut to England College's honours, following his call up to the national representative side just last month. In fact, Luke's attention turned to international duties immediately after the fixture on Tuesday night, as he was due at England's training base St. George's Park the next morning to report for the ECFA's first training camp and warm up games of the season.

In addition to the seven boys who made their debuts, special mentions must also go to Sandro Freitas, Kai Wint and Donnabhan Green, who were unused substitutes on the night and will with further hard work and dedication get their opportunities in months and years to come.

On behalf of everyone from our education partners Barnet and Southgate College, and here at Boreham Wood FC, in particular our Academy staff, we want to take this opportunity to congratulate all these players on a fantastic achievement. Well done, lads!



# INTERNATIONALS

ACADEMY PLAYERS WHO HAVE PLAYED INTERNATIONALLY...

## FULL INTERNATIONALS

**LEE HODSON** - NORTHERN IRELAND

**KYLE VASSELL** - NORTHERN IRELAND

**CALAUM JAHRALDO-MARTIN** - ANTIGUA & BARBUDA

## YOUTH INTERNATIONALS (ENGLAND SCHOOL'S & COLLEGE'S FA)

**ELVIS BALIC**

**JON CLEMENTS**

**BRADLEY FRASER**

**JAY BRETT**

**JORDAN LAVAL**

**LEE CLOSE**

**CHARLIE HUNTER**

**RUDDOCK YALA**

**SAM DOOLAN**

**JAKE KNIGHT**

**MAXWELL HOLLAND**

**HARRY SINGH**

**JAMIE LUMSDEN**

**BEN GOODLIFFE**

**FRED BURBIDGE**

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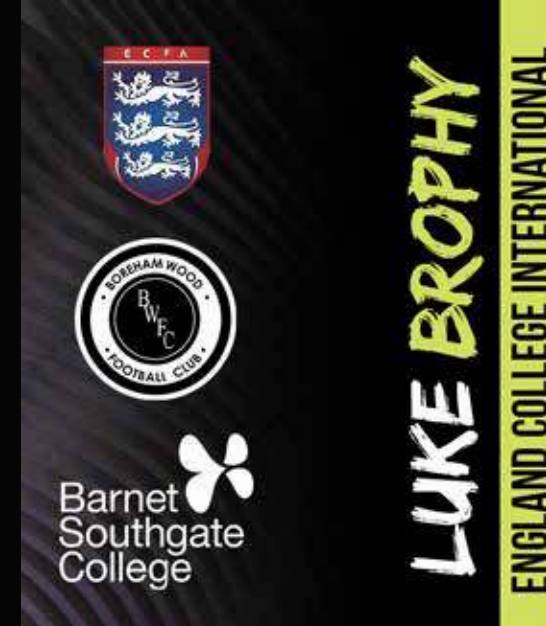
**DANIEL CREESE**

**CHARLIE WICKHAM**

**HAMZA SEMAKULA**

**LUKE BROPHY**

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Boreham Wood FC is delighted to announce that BW PASE Academy player/student Luke Brophy has been selected as part of the full England College FA's squad for the 2019/20 season.

After a series of regional trials, Luke had impressed the selection committee enough in order to be chosen to become a part of their squad and becomes the 27th Boreham Wood FC Academy player to become an international across both senior and youth international levels.

Luke joins the long list of Academy players who have played on the international stage, including former Watford and Rangers full back Lee Hodson, Rotherham United forward Kyle Vassell, current Wood CEO Charlie Hunter and First Team player Sorba Thomas, as well as existing Academy players Charlie Wickham and Hamza Semakula.

Academy Manager and First Team Coach Cameron Mawer commented, "Luke's a boy who has been with us for over 2 years now. He's only a second year but he was part of our under 16 development group prior to joining the Academy on a full-time basis.

"He's made great strides in all aspects of his game. On and off the pitch he's everything you want in a player and a person. We are delighted that Luke will join the long list of names who represent England from our Academy.

"He's now an England international and no one can ever take that away from him. He can tell his kids,



Grandkids and Great Grandkids in many years to come. He can be very proud of himself. I hope this kicks him on to the next level, as it has done with so many in the past. Congratulation, Luke!"

Alongside his football commitments with the BW PASE Academy, Luke also couples a full-time education course with our education partners Barnet & Southgate College, namely a BTEC Level 3 Sports course. Luke's tutor Katy Baden commented, "Luke has kept his head down and worked hard in class and this is reflected in his grades as he has achieved a distinction in his first year and is on track to end his second year with a double distinction. Well done Luke, as a tutor group we are delighted for you!"

In addition to Katy's comments, Curriculum Manager Nihaad Kapdi, who oversees all progress and development of all Boreham Wood FC/Barnet & Southgate College learners, said "Luke is a model student who has an excellent attendance record and is always striving to be a better student. We are delighted for Luke to have made the squad and he thoroughly deserves this great opportunity. Well done, Luke!"

Everyone involved in the BW PASE Academy, including Boreham Wood FC and education partners Barnet & Southgate College extend our huge congratulations to Luke and his family.

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# ENGLAND COME CALLING

**WOOD TRIO KANE SMITH, SORBA THOMAS & KABONGO TSHIMANGA EARN ENGLAND C CALL UP FOR MATCH UP AGAINST WALES C**

Boreham Wood FC are absolutely delighted to announce that three players, namely Kane Smith, Sorba Thomas and Kabongo Tshimanga, have recently been called up to the England C squad to take on Wales C on Tuesday 24th March at Caernarfon Town in North Wales.

Smith, Thomas and Tshimanga will join up with the 16-man three Lions squad following our away trip at Wrexham on Saturday 21st March, allowing them to familiarise themselves with their international teammates in a 2-day mini training camp before taking on Wales C on the Tuesday evening.

Amongst the other inclusions is former BW PASE Academy graduate Ben Goodliffe of Sutton United, too. Ben began his career with the Wood coming through the youth ranks at Meadow Park within the renowned BW PASE Academy before making his debut against Tranmere Rovers at Prenton Park in 2017, earning himself a move to Wolverhampton Wanderers, then of the Championship, for an undisclosed fee later that season. Ben follows in the footsteps of his father, Jason Goodliffe, who also represented (and captained) England C.

On their call up, Manager Luke Garrard had this to say, "I'm really happy for Kane, Sorba and Kabs. This shows how well they have been doing to get a call up to the England C squad.

"Kane has done fantastic this year to get over his long-term injury from last season, this will give him even more confidence to finish the season on a high.

"Sorba has now not only played England Colleges, but also England C, this is a huge accolade for him. He has showed a real maturity in his all-round game and definitely warrants a call up.

"Kabs for me is one of the brightest young talents at this level, his stats last year were very productive, and he has continued that form this year."

Garrard concluded, "I wish them all the success in the game against Wales, let's hope they can kick start their England careers with a positive result."

Upon the squad news, Chief Executive Charlie Hunter commented, "It is with huge pride that as a Football Club we can boast three players within the current 16-man England C squad, the joint most players to represent a single Club in the current squad alongside league leaders Barrow, who also have three included. This is an amazing representation of the success we are currently having on the pitch, as well as the belief and trust Luke has instilled in youth and flare within our existing squad."

Hunter continued, "It is testament to the three players; Sorba, Kane and Kabby, for the work they have put in this season and the performances they have subsequently given as a result. Their call ups are fully deserved. Congratulations lads and good luck against Wales C in three weeks time."

**On behalf of everyone at Boreham Wood FC, we would like to extend our congratulations to all three players; Sorba Thomas, Kane Smith and Kabongo Tshimanga on your call ups!**



# MEADOW PARK APPROVED

**FOLLOWING SUBMISSION TO THE EFL, BOREHAM WOOD FC ARE DELIGHTED TO LEARN THAT OUR MEADOW PARK HOME HAS BEEN APPROVED FOR PROMOTION**

Boreham Wood FC are happy to announce that we have had our submission to enter the English Football League accepted by the governing body. This means should the Club achieve its ambition of promotion this season, we will be allowed to take our place in the Football League for the very first time in our history.

Wood Chairman Danny Hunter, who has steered the Club from the Ryman North to the National League over the last 22 seasons said, "It's always a bit of a relief when you get the necessary league approvals, though I wasn't too concerned after the work we have carried out around the stadium and facility over the years.

"I'm also so happy that the Town is finally getting behind Luke and the dressing room with a recent increase in support. It's no secret that I questioned the commitment of the Town earlier in the

season, especially after we had a home crowd of just 400 against Sutton, with nearly 200 of those being away supporters. But a lot seems to have changed since then, as our season ticket holders are now regularly coming, our new North Bank has made a huge difference by really getting behind the team and our last four home attendances have averaged over 1,100."

Hunter concluded, "We also took over 350 fans to Barnet on Tuesday night and the support and noise they made was different class. I've always known, that if we were to ever have a shot at reaching the Football League, then we'd need our fans and Town to get behind us and they have – in truth they've been absolutely fantastic since Christmas. So, after getting the EFL's stadium acceptance this week and after witnessing our improved support, I must give credit to my staff and thank our supporters for all making such an effort".

# 2020-21 KIT SELECTION



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An aerial photograph of Meadow Park stadium and its surroundings. The stadium's North Bank is visible on the left, with a green pitch and seating. To the right of the stadium, there are several parking lots filled with cars. Further right, there are tennis courts and a playground. The background shows a residential area with many houses. A yellow circular graphic in the top left corner contains the text '7 PAGE SPECIAL'. Large white text is overlaid on the left side of the image, and a paragraph of text is at the bottom left.

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SPECIAL

# PROPOSED NEW DEVELOPMENT ON THE SOUTH END OF MEADOW PARK

Despite still being in it's early stages, the Club is excited to announce to it's fans and the local Community our proposed new plans for the development at the south end of our Meadow Park home, as we work closely with the local authority Hertsmere Borough Council to put a strategy in place should the Club fulfill it's dreams of reaching the Football League. This development will include our new 'Clock End' which will mirror the North Bank that was built in the summer of 2019, as well as a new purpose built Academy building to house our ever growing sports and education scheme that is the number one of it's kind in the United Kingdom.





THE VIEW FROM  
BROUGHTINGE ROAD  
ENTRANCE





THE VIEW FROM THE NORTH WEST CORNER



PROPOSED ACADEMY BUILDING FRONT ENTRANCE



THE VIEW FROM BEHIND THE PROPOSED NEW CLOCK END



THE VIEW FROM THE SOUTH EAST CORNER



# UPCOMING FIXTURES

AT MEADOW PARK...



**VS. TORQUAY UNITED**  
**SAT 14TH MARCH KO 3.00PM**  
**VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE**



**VS. FC HALIFAX TOWN**  
**TUES 17TH MARCH KO 7.45PM**  
**VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE**



**VS. DAGENHAM & REDBRIDGE**  
**SAT 28TH MARCH KO 3.00PM**  
**VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE**



**VS. BROMLEY**  
**MON 13TH APRIL KO 3.00PM**  
**VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE**

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CRUCIAL DOUBLE HEADER APPROACHES  
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**FC HALIFAX TOWN**  
**TUES 17TH MAR 7.45PM**  
**VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE**

With the Wood due to play two crucial home games against Torquay United and FC Halifax Town over the next nine days, it means Luke Garrard and his men are really going to need the Wood Army and the Town out in force once again and in full voice, if we are to put one foot into the play offs.

Torquay United have already beaten Wood twice this season, firstly on the opening day of the season and then again in FA Cup. While Halifax will likely leapfrog us in the table if they beat us in the Meadow Park six pointer or win their game in hand.

So the Club are asking that all our season ticket holders, plus the Wood Army and Town, really do try and make every effort over the next nine days to attend both home games.

Chairman Danny Hunter said, "We've now got just 9 games left and we're at the business end of the season, so we know our home support is going to be vital. Early in the season our attendances were discouraging, as just 36% of our season ticket holders had bothered to turn up against Sutton United for a league game. In truth the atmosphere was depressing, it was lacklustre and the apathy was everywhere, but that has thankfully now all changed.

"Since Christmas, our home league games against Barnet, Barrow, Yeovil and Hartlepool have averaged just over 1,100 fans, and between 78% to 82% of our season ticket holders are now turning up... The Town has also got right behind us and the atmosphere, the

sense of belonging and the level of excitement and expectancy has been fantastic. It has definitely spurred on Luke, spurred on the players, while for me the new North Bank's noise has also made a big, big difference and been the catalyst."

Hunter continued, "We've put ourselves in a great position in this very tough league, having lost just once in 19 league games since October. We now need to push on and believe that we can achieve a top 3 league position come April 25th. If we are successful and if we do secure a top 3 finish, we would have secured ourselves home advantage in a one-off play-off semi-final, with the winners of that game going to Wembley.

"So, things couldn't be more crucial for our club, for Luke and for the dressing room, as we are presently sitting in joint 3rd, we are just 6 points ahead of the team sitting in 10th, and we have five very crucial home games left out of the nine. We know our home form and having a partisan support is going to be crucial and could make the difference." Concluded Hunter.

**Wood host Torquay United this Saturday (14th March) before taking on play off contenders FC Halifax Town the following Tuesday (17th March) at Meadow Park, kick off times 3.00pm and 7.45pm respectively. Get yourselves down to Meadow Park and help cheer the Wood into the National League play offs!**

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# PLAYOFF PUSH!



**SATURDAY 28TH MARCH 2020, KO 3.00PM**  
**VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE**

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