



# CHARNOCK RICHARD JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB



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## Youth Team Pre-Season Newsletter 2016-2017

Dear Players and Parents

It doesn't seem too long since last season finished, yet already we are into pre-season training, it is good to see so many players down from last seasons' youth and u16 teams plus some new faces. We will see others return and more new faces as their exams finish over the coming weeks. Our league season does not start until the first Sunday of September, the plan was to start training mid-July, however as many players will play in our senior teams it made sense to also start now. Training is every Tuesday and Thursday at the club from 7pm, it is tough but you will certainly benefit from it. I appreciate that you may not be able to make every session, but the more you make the easier it will become.

Once the season starts and after night matches we will revert to once per week at Holy Cross, probably on a Wednesday evening, again with the seniors.

We will arrange friendlies for late July and August, however please could you send me any known holiday dates ASAP so I can take this into account.

As it is a new era for the Youth team, it would be great to have new kit, I have purchased training/warm-up tops that will be given out closer to the season. Unfortunately finding sponsorship is difficult and despite writing to over 40 local businesses I have not yet secured any funding. If you know of any potential sponsors, please could you send me details and I will make contact.

The plan is to have a large squad this season, with a lot of players being involved with our senior teams, plus lads working and also finding *exciting activities* away from football, it is important that we have enough quality throughout the squad to cover any absences through work, injury, tiredness or other. With the talented squad that we will have, we should be competing to win all the competitions that we are in. I fully appreciate that the lads will always want to play in every game, that is not always feasible, however if you are 100% fit and available the team will always be picked on merit and what we consider is required to win the game. Every player will have an opportunity to stake a claim for a place in the team, if you have any concerns regarding playing time, please speak to me.

### **Match Days**

Last season the Youth team played their home games on the clubs main pitch, due to the increased number of 1<sup>st</sup> team games this coming season, we need to ensure that this pitch is not over used. From the discussions that we have had, we have agreed that we will play our home games on whichever pitch is most suitable at the time, taking into account the pitch condition, fixtures and weather.

As usual we rely on parents help at each match, this will involve putting up and taking down nets. I would also like a volunteer to collect match day subs and manage referee payments etc., I know it's not the most glamorous of jobs but please get in touch if you would like to help.

Another job that is not easy to fill is someone to 'run the line', I will put out an advert for someone to help with this and offer payment. If you have any friends, brothers (or sisters) that might like to get involved please let me know.

I also plan to approach Ian in the club to ask if he can put food on after each home game, to fund this we would have to sell a football card, if we all take it in turns it would mean each player/parent would have to do this once per season.

As happened last season in the Youth team, the playing kit will be issued before each game, collected and laundered afterwards, we will fund this through players matchday subs.

If you have any questions, ideas or concerns, please give me a call on 07809 204202.

Regards  
Mick