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THE BREWSTER TRUST – "Football for everyone" at the Holiday Camp 2012

THE BREWSTER TRUST's public programme meets with coaches' and children's approval, fantastic feedbacks after the first days.

THE BREWSTER TRUST's Football Holiday Camp 2012 is for girls, boys and also for children with disabilities. It takes place at Queen's College with various age groups in the months of July and August 2012 for in total nine weeks. The courses are held by coaches from Arsenal FC, namely Joe Mitchell, Sam Ingram, Luke Howard and Ognjen "Oggy" Soskic and Nathaniel P. Brewster, Vice-President and co-founder of THE BREWSTER TRUST.



The participants of the coaching course for football coaches (2nd – 6th July) and their coaches



Coach the coaches

The programme started on 2nd July 2012 with a coaching course for football coaches, 46 local coaches registered, the female quota has been 13%. 36 coaches or 78.26% took part in average every day and over 63% came every single day.

Head coach for the coaching week was Anthony David who has been part of Arsenal in the Community for nine years and leads on Arsenal's Positive Futures Programme and the BTEC programme which is a two year diploma in coaching football.

Focus of this first week has been kick-up skills, turns, passing, games, but also safety or organisation. Elements of team building completed the programme. Over 20 coaches of the participants followed the invitation to assist the Arsenal coaches in the following weeks to execute what they've learnt. At the end of the programme the most outstanding coach will be awarded participation at the next Arsenal Gap Year programme in London for one month including accommodation as well as travel costs.



Coach Anthony David and his "age group 2003"



Age group 5-9

On 9th July 2012 137 registered campers of the age group five to nine years started their ten days in the programme. Over 95% attended so far every day the multifarious coaching sessions from 9.00am to 3.30pm. Daily competitions, basic passing techniques, dribbling and turning at speed, slalom, turns, control and heading sessions including aerial control, using various parts of the body, basic techniques of shooting are the main elements of age group and performance related trainings. This will be followed by presentations to all players as well as "Most outstanding Player" and "Fair Play" awards being handed out.

Set-up

The Football Holiday Camp 2012 comes complete with camp basics but also includes extras for parental comfort and focus on the children like health insurance cover, ambulance service, physiotherapist, hot healthy lunches and afternoon fruit breaks, isotonic beverages or shirt, shorts, socks and shinpads for every camper and not to forget a daily academic football session in classrooms. Axel Bernhardt, CEO of THE BREWSTER TRUST, states: "It was overwhelming and exciting to get the feedbacks after the launch of the programme in June. Within 20 days we had no spaces left in both groups of the age group 10-14, we also had to close the first group of the youngsters. We can see a big passion for football from the children and also from the parents indicated by factors like attendance, communication or punctuality."

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About our organisation:

THE BREWSTER TRUST, founded on 22nd April 2010, is a registered charity (No. 825). The trust's mission is to promote, develop and improve football in Barbados with the aim of creating opportunities at all levels but especially for the youth. To impart the qualities of leadership and loyalty, sportsmanship, competitive ambition and the drive for academic excellence as well as discipline, fair play and respect is the Charity's ultimate goal just as the fruitful cooperation with all national and international football stakeholders.