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9<sup>TH</sup> September 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are proud to announce the launch of the James Calvert Spence Football Academy, to be held at James Calvert Spence College, starting in September 2025 with our **opening trials to take place at school on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September, 5pm – 6pm.**

This exciting, curriculum-based programme will initially **be offered to all our Year 7 students, with limited spaces available for both boys and girls.**

The academy is designed for pupils with a passion and expertise in football, offering a unique pathway that combines academic learning with high-quality football training during the school day. Pupils will receive a first-class coaching programme as part of their regular timetable, focusing on skill development, tactical understanding, physical fitness, and teamwork—all delivered by qualified coaching staff in a supportive and structured environment.

**Please see attached flyer which contains the logistical information you need to come along to Thursday's football academy trial.**

### James Calvert Spence College Football Academy – Parent Overview.

#### A Programme That Grows with Your Child

What sets our academy apart is its long-term approach. As our pupils' progress through each year at James Calvert Spence College, they will continue their football development while being offered opportunities to gain real qualifications and life skills, such as:

- **FA Sports Coaching Badges** – Introduction to coaching pathways, building leadership and communication skills.
- **Refereeing Qualifications** – Training and accreditation in officiating, developing responsibility and decision-making.
- **First Aid Certifications** – Essential knowledge that promotes safety, responsibility, and readiness for wider community involvement.

These additional qualifications are designed to enhance students' confidence, expand their future career options, and provide real-world skills that can be used in sport and beyond.

### Key Benefits for Your Child

- **Positive Behaviour and Discipline**  
Football provides a framework for structure, respect, and teamwork—supporting positive behaviour throughout school life.
- **Improved Attendance and Motivation**  
Pupils who are passionate about football are more likely to attend regularly and engage fully with both the academy and their wider schoolwork.
- **Greater Engagement and Confidence**  
Blending academic learning with football keeps pupils energised, involved, and more connected to their school experience.
- **Competitive Environments**  
Pupils will participate in competitive games with each other and other footballing teams.

### Rooted in Our Core Values: *Be Kind, Work Hard, Aim High.*

- **Be Kind:** Football builds teamwork, empathy, and respect—helping your child form strong, positive relationships.
- **Work Hard:** Success on and off the pitch requires dedication. The academy teaches resilience, determination, and consistent effort.
- **Aim High:** Through football and wider opportunities like coaching and leadership, pupils are encouraged to set ambitious goals and strive for excellence in every area of their development.

The James Calvert Spence Football Academy is a long-term commitment to your child's growth - personally, academically, and athletically. By combining a love of football with essential life skills, we aim to develop well-rounded, confident, and motivated young people.

Please see attached flyer which contains the logistical information you need, if you require any further information ahead of our trials, please contact me direct on [jjohnson01@jcsc.co.uk](mailto:jjohnson01@jcsc.co.uk).

We look forward to seeing you on Thursday.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs J. Johnson

Deputy Headteacher.