



# Press Release

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## Royal Latin School sports campus awarded funding for 3G pitch

Some good news has been announced for community sport in North Buckinghamshire. The Royal Latin School has been awarded a grant from the Premier League, The FA and Government's Football Foundation, to install a new floodlit third generation (3G) artificial grass pitch (AGP) as part of their planned Sports Campus.

The grant will enable the school to significantly increase the amount of time that students can spend outside on a pitch, and will ensure that local clubs and members of the community have an opportunity to train and play on a high quality artificial pitch with additional sports facilities alongside.

The new facility will comprise a full-size floodlit 3G pitch, situated next to a Sports Performance Centre being built by the school, which will include a fitness suite, seminar facilities and Sports Lab as well as changing rooms and hospitality areas.

The 3G pitch will replace a grass pitch which is currently prone to waterlogging for up to five months of the year and has a detrimental impact on teaching, learning and levels of activity.

The Royal Latin School, in partnership with MK Dons, Moretonville Junior FC and Winslow Junior FC worked with the Football Foundation and the Berkshire & Buckinghamshire FA to secure a £629,552 grant towards the project.

David Hudson, Royal Latin Headteacher, said: **"We are thrilled that the Football Foundation have agreed to contribute so generously to the Sports Campus project - without their support, a new 3G pitch simply wouldn't have been possible. Being able to provide a pitch of this quality in Buckinghamshire will have a huge impact not only on our students, but on increasing opportunities and participation in grassroots sport in the area as a whole."**

Paul Thorogood, Chief Executive of the Football Foundation, said: **"Since 2000, the Football Foundation has awarded 311 grants worth £6.4m across Berks & Bucks County FA region towards grassroots sports projects worth £15.2m and it is great to hear that The Royal Latin School will be the latest beneficiary."**



**“Funding from the Premier League, The FA and Government, delivered by the Foundation, will support the club in developing a brand new 3G pitch for the local community. Made possible by investment from the Premier League, The FA and the Government, via Sport England, the Football Foundation is supporting the grassroots game by improving access to high-quality football facilities across the country.”**

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#### **Notes to editors:**

Founded in 2000, the Football Foundation is the largest sports charity in the UK funded by the Premier League, The FA and Government, via Sport England. It develops new and refurbished grassroots sports facilities in order to improve the quality and experience of playing sport at the grassroots level. Since it was launched in 2000, the Foundation has awarded over 16,000 grants worth more than £655m towards improving grassroots sport, which it has used to attract additional partnership funding of £862m – totalling over £1.5bn of investment into the grassroots game.

By providing more high-quality facilities, coupled with coaching at the appropriate age group, the Premier League & The FA Facilities Fund aims to improve the experience for regular players as well as attracting new players to the game. Many of the new state-of-the-art facilities will serve to strengthen the connection between professional football clubs and their local communities, particularly in the most deprived areas of the country, through the professional clubs' community trusts' outreach work.

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