

Reading Football Club helps local students up their game in maths, English and ICT

Reading Football Club is supporting a scheme to engage young people from 20 local schools each year to improve their maths, English and ICT skills. Playing for Success is a 6-10 week programme combining football-themed tasks and an online assessment system provided by EDI.



Local pupils at Reading Football Club as part of Playing for Success

The Department for Children Schools and Families initiative involves local pupils aged between seven and 14 performing tasks including writing match reports and calculating percentages using league tables and attendance figures.

EDI's GOAL progress assessment is used to track the achievements of each pupil and to ensure that the curriculum is tailored to the learner and their needs. Tutors can identify a pupil's particular strengths and weaknesses and plan courses and targets effectively.

Jenny Jones, Reading FC Study Support Centre Manager said: "Using football as a starting point for educational activities allows us to engage the children's enthusiasm and to deliver curriculum materials in an entirely different way. The schools then take full advantage of the pupils' enthusiasm to learn and hopefully this then continues into their normal lessons."

"GOAL delivers results, informs teaching and shows evidence of impact. Pupils attending our course last year improved by approximately 29 per cent over six weeks. The pupils love the

online element of the assessments as it is quick and easy for them to navigate and are more motivated as they feel in control of their learning. The results are delivered quickly which is great for keeping up momentum and also allows us to tailor the teaching to suit the needs of the learners.”

Once the pupils reach the end of the programme an individual GOAL report is produced to enable teachers at their school to continue that learning. Reading FC players will also be on hand to present the pupils with certificates for outstanding achievement.

Jason Davis, EDI Business Development Manager said: “We are delighted to hear that the pupils in Reading are enjoying the interactive format of GOAL and that their performance is improving as a result.

“GOAL has proved extremely popular and is used by over 600 schools throughout the UK. Endorsed by the National Association of Head Teachers, the range continues to expand in line with the latest developments in teaching and learning.”



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