



## Aspire / Dulwich Hamlet Academy Trial Date

A.S.P.I.R.E (Academic and Sporting Inspired Routes to Excellence) is a football and education programme, in partnership with Dulwich Hamlet Football Club, for 16 -18 year old males. The programme was set up in July 2002 to enable young people to pursue their dream of playing professional football.

Our Academy director, Gavin Rose also manages Dulwich Hamlet's senior team. This potentially offers participants, via our development strategy, an opportunity to be involved with the first team.

It is a stipulation of the programme that every participant has to undertake full-time academic or vocational courses in order to be eligible for the programme. As such academic attainment measurement is a fundamental part of the recruitment process.

This season our current squad progressed to the 1<sup>st</sup> round of the FA Youth Cup, narrowly losing to Norwich City on penalties. As a result a number of the squad have been invited to have trial periods with professional clubs.

Next season we are looking to expand the programme, it is our intention to increase the squad size to 40 players along with making additions to our coaching staff.

We are hoping that this will further improve the achievement rate both in the classroom and on the field.

Our first trial date for current U16s/Year 11 is to be held at;

**Goals Beckenham,**

**Copers Cope rd,**

**Beckenham, Kent,**

**BR3 1NZ**

**On Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2009,**

**10am start**

If you would like to attend the trial please contact Junior Kadi - 07947 112 046