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## Talented Young Golfers win 2 year Golf Coaching Programme

20 youngsters from across Staffordshire have been selected for top quality golf coaching at one of the Midlands top Golf Complexes. The girls and boys aged from 6-15 years old were identified as having exceptional golfing potential and were chosen from over 160 hopefuls through a talent ID process. The talent days took place at 4 of the leading golfing venues across the central region including the 3 Hammers Golf Complex, Coven, Wolverhampton.

Staffordshire Academy Coach, Piers Ward who is based at the Complex will offer PGA standard coaching to the youngsters to bridge the gap between potential and elite golfers by offering first class golf tuition. The coaching is delivered through the Staffordshire County Golf Partnership Junior Coaching Academy with carefully selected, highly experienced golf professionals to deliver the subsidised programme to promising juniors in Staffordshire.

Piers, who himself had to pass a selection process to be one of only 7 coaches in the region responsible for the juniors who will receive tuition every fortnight with the aid of full internet resources. The brand new programme has the support of the Golf Foundation, the England Golf Partnership and Sport England and aims to achieve the vision of being 'The Leading Golf Nation in the World by 2020' from grass roots right through to elite level.

10 year old Harrison Worley has won a place on the programme. His father Vince Worley commented "We're delighted that Harrison has the opportunity to further his golfing skills. This 2 year programme offers him the chance to develop his talent to a higher standard".

The coaching programme runs over a 2 year period with year one concluding in April with a competition for all county academies held at the 3 Hammers Golf Complex. They will compete against each other to qualify to play for Staffordshire in October against neighbouring counties such as those in Warwickshire, Shropshire and Leicestershire.

Piers who is rapidly establishing himself as one of Staffordshire's top coaches said "The selected juniors will be given a personal programme to work towards and parents will be able to follow their child's progression online. The programme includes assessment days pre and post season every year. Expert tuition is provided to help each child further their golfing ability. This really is a fantastic opportunity for the children of Staffordshire".

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