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Highlights of the Month

Academy Graduates in the First Team

During August, nine Academy Graduates were involved in a First Team matchday squad.

The two Carabao Cup fixtures this month against Colchester and Fulham brought four players their First Team debuts. **Marcel Oakley** started both games and also scored the memorable 75th minute winner at St. Andrews against Colchester to see The Blues progress into the next round of the Cup.



Mitchell Roberts made his First Team debut in the second-round tie against Fulham, playing the full 90 minutes having been on the bench against Colchester. **Tate Campbell** replaced **Nico Gordon** who started the Colchester fixture to make his Blues debut. **Alife Chang** also made his debut in the Fulham fixture as a second half substitute.

Jobe Bellingham and **Remi Walker** had their first involvement in a competitive First Team matchday squad being on the bench for both Carabao Cup fixtures.

First team players **Connal Trueman** and **Charlie Lakin** also made appearances this month in the Carabao Cup.

August 2021

International Call-Ups

Six Academy players were part of an international squad in August.

Connor Barratt, **Tommy Fogarty**, and **Callum Sullivan** were all called up by the Republic of Ireland Under 18s or Under 19s training camp and fixtures against Hungary respectively.

Jobe Bellingham was called up to the England Under 17 squad for their training camp. Jobe also will represent England Under 17s in the Syrenka Cup in September.

Jordan James joined up with Wales Under 18s in August for their game against England in September.

Tyrese Warmington was part of the England Goalkeeper Development Camp at St. Georges Park.

Schoolboy Pre-Season Festivals

The Schoolboy age groups welcomed 11 different clubs across the age groups to West Hills Training Ground this month to conclude the Schoolboys 2021-22 pre-season. The variety of teams attending festivals gave the Schoolboys a range of experiences to give them the best possible preparation for the games programme games starting in September

Leicester, West Brom and Wolves as well as Premier League Tournaments and the Corey Price Cup make a return in September.



Academy Loans

There have been a couple of notable performances from Academy players out on loan this month.

Josh Andrews scored on his second appearance for League 2 Rochdale in the 3-1 win over Northampton Town.

Kane Thompson-Sommers also scored his first league goal in the National League for Woking FC against Torquay.

PDP PL Cup Draws

The draws for the Under 23, Under 18 and Under 17 Premier League Cup Competitions have been made. Huddersfield Town, Newcastle United and Watford will provide the opposition for the Under 23s. The first home game of the group is against Huddersfield Town at Nuneaton Borough FC on Wednesday 15th September with kick off at 19:00.

While the Under 18s face Manchester United, West Bromwich Albion and Wolverhampton Wanderers. Finally, the Under 17s groups were drawn regionally meaning The Blues will face local rivals Aston Villa, West Bromwich Albion and Wolverhampton Wanderers in the group stage.

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