

## Wycombe Wanderers are proud to unveil their brand-new Professional Development Phase squad ahead of the 2025/26 campaign.

The club's new academy was created last summer and has since progressed at pace with the appointment of high-calibre staff across a number of different departments, as well as the recruitment and integration of talented young players.

The new signings and their families were invited to an Induction Day at Adams Park last Saturday to officially sign their first contracts with the club and hear a series of talks from academy staff, Chief Football Officer Dan Rice and First-Team Head Coach Mike Dodds about the plans for the season ahead and beyond.

The squad are currently away on a pre-season camp in Cork with a series of friendly matches lined up this summer against the likes of Cork City, Waterford, Southampton, Coventry, Bournemouth and Kinetic Academy before they compete in their first official fixture on Saturday 9th August, with the fixtures to be released in the coming days.

Academy Director Jeremy Sauer said: "It's a really proud day for us to be able to unveil our new academy players with Wycombe fans and the wider footballing community. These young people have grabbed the opportunities that have been presented to them and worked extremely hard to earn their place with us and be part of the very first squad of our new academy setup.

"A tremendous amount of work has been put in by our team to build the academy structure from scratch and create an environment where players can thrive on the pitch and develop their game with support from expert developers, as well as ensure that their academic studies and pastoral care are provided to the highest standard.

"I'd like to thank the support from the club leadership and our academy staff who've worked tirelessly to get us to this point. I'd also like to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of all the players' former club staff and coaches as well as their families in helping them reach this point of their journey.

"For the players, this is a significant step forward in their careers and a lot of hard work and dedication lies ahead for them to pursue their ambitions of forging a long career in the game. We are committed to giving them every possible opportunity to do just that.

"We're really excited to share their journey with Wycombe fans and I'm sure they'll join me in welcoming them and their families to the club and wishing them every success for what's to come."

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Chief Football Officer Dan Rice added: "On behalf of the ownership group and everyone at Wycombe Wanderers, I'd like to welcome the players and their families to the club and wish them every success during their time with us.

"It's a proud moment for everyone at the club who has worked so hard to get to this point and we're excited to work with these lads and see them representing Wycombe Wanderers out on the pitch in a few weeks' time.

"I'd also like to thank the staff who've worked tirelessly to build up the academy from a completely blank page and reach this point where - within a year - we've established a PDP group which is ready to start playing competitive fixtures, including the FA Youth Cup, built up a really strong programme of academic and pastoral care around them, and laid strong foundations for younger age groups which are going from strength to strength all the time."