



Wycombe Wanderers' academy will reach another exciting landmark this weekend when they take on Sutton United in their first competitive fixture in the EFL Youth Alliance South.

The Professional Development Phase group was established last season and has enjoyed a fruitful pre-season campaign, including a trip to Fota Island in Cork and the Family Induction Day held at Adams Park in July.

Alongside this, they have played matches against Bournemouth, Southampton, Volenti and Coventry over the course of pre-season.

Members of the squad have also been integrated into the first-team environment throughout pre-season, with Arthur Gregory and Koray Garpinar handed opportunities in the men's friendlies at Sutton and Barnet respectively, while many more have trained with the senior squad with players also travelling with the first-team to Bradford for the League One opener on Saturday.

The PDP group will be led by Matty Dye and Rob Quinn as they kick off their season on Saturday, ahead of the first home game at Harlington a week later against Portsmouth. Initially matches will be behind closed-doors although the club does plan to invite fans to selected academy matches throughout the campaign.

Meanwhile, progress is being made on the development of an under-16 team in the Youth Development Phase, with a recruitment tournament taking place at Harlington last week, attended by first-team Head Coach Mike Dodds, coach Pete Shuttleworth and striker Bradley Fink.