



Press Release

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School of Soccer scores a new sponsor

Guernsey Football association have announced a 2006 sponsorship arrangement with Deutsche Bank.

The Deutsche Bank School of Soccer in partnership with Guernsey Football Association has an extensive training programme planned for this summer – trials for the School started on 27th April 2006.

The School provides technical coaching, development fixtures and tours for up to 96 children each year. Traditionally development fixtures have been played vs. the Jersey FA Centre of Excellence, and tour venues have included the Gothia Cup (Sweden), Haarlem Cup (The Netherlands). The high spot (culmination) of the season is the Umbro International Cup 2006 in Manchester.

Football Development Officer, Chris Pringle, said:

'I am delighted to be able to continue with this fundamental development programme for young footballers in Guernsey. The School has become a pivotal scheme for technical development, and the support of Deutsche Bank is invaluable. I am looking forward to building a partnership with Deutsche Bank and also to expand our development activity into new projects beginning in Autumn 2006'.

Deutsche Bank's sponsorship will contribute towards main areas of activity:

- **Summer Training Sessions-** up to 96 boys and girls will train weekly throughout the summer.
- **Development matches** against the Jersey FA's School of Excellence shall be held in September, and some of the squads will also take part in tournaments either in the UK or mainland Europe against clubs from across the continent.
- **Supplying Kits** - training kits for all soccer students.

Deutsche Bank's Managing Director in Guernsey, Andreas Tautscher, said: *'We are delighted to support the School of Soccer in Guernsey creating opportunities for young footballers, both boys and girls. The School of Soccer is a perfect fit for Bank's ethos reflecting our passion to perform, the importance of teamwork and result-oriented battles. Deutsche Bank Group is sponsoring the FIFA World Cup 2006 in Germany, therefore supporting Guernsey Soccer School gives us an*

opportunity to show our commitment and passion to football locally as well as on the world's stage'.

The benefits of the programme have been seen in recent years with many of the current Guernsey senior squad being products of the School of Soccer. The pathway from junior football, via Club leagues and events, to senior representative football, is assisted greatly by the Soccer School. In addition to the technical knowledge gained, students gain from experience of overseas tours, health and diet awareness and the benefit of team sports activity with organizational skills.

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Notes to Editors:

1. The Guernsey Football Association launched its Soccer School 10 years ago. Originally the brainchild of Guernsey Football legend Colin Renouf, assisted by Geraint Ap Sion, the School has become a vital component of the GFA's Football development programme.
2. The School provides technical coaching, development fixtures and tours for up to 96 children each year. Traditionally development fixtures have been played v the Jersey FA Centre of Excellence, and tour venues have included the Gothia Cup (Sweden), Haarlem Cup (The Netherlands) and the Umbro Cup (England).
3. Coaches within the School are coaching at Level 2 and beyond, and as such have appropriate level of knowledge to provide high level coaching to the children. The School offers opportunities for boys and girls equally.
4. Deutsche Bank is committed to supporting local community events, not only in a sporting context but also with regards to cultural, educational and charitable issues. Other local activities supported by Deutsche Bank include The Guernsey CI Golf Championships, Table Tennis Development Programme, The Guernsey Choral Workshop, The UpBeats Percussion Ensemble, Sea Guernsey Mast and The Tree of Joy.
5. Deutsche Bank's Offshore Group was established in the Channel Islands in 1972 and provides a world-wide offshore banking and financial services capability to financial institutions, corporations, family offices and wealthy private individuals on behalf of the Deutsche Bank Group.