



Star student coach

Young student Danny Fitzgerald is already one of Hertfordshire's most inspiring sports coaches.

Danny is a student at the Nicholas Breakspeare School, St Albans. A keen sportsman Danny enjoys most competitive games, but his passion is football.

How did he start?

Danny was happy to put his skills to work helping other to progress their football. And he is very open minded about learning new skills. As well as his academic studies Danny is committed to the Sports Leaders UK Level 2 course, and the Step into Sport programme.

What does he do?

Danny gives up his time to act as coach to the under 16 girls' football team. It involves coaching one evening a week and every Saturday morning, come rain or shine!

Danny says; "I enjoy helping other young people improve their football skills and I get great satisfaction from seeing fellow footballers progress. I am not afraid to ask for advice and support from more experienced coaches too!

Results

The Under 16s team at the Nicholas Breakspeare School is making excellent progress and more young players are inspired to join in.

Danny is gaining nationally recognised coaching and leadership qualifications which will be of huge benefit when he starts college, and later when he applies for a job. His example is already encouraging other students to think about volunteering their time as young sports coaches.

His wholehearted enthusiasm for football and coaching has been recognised by Hertfordshire Sports Partnership who recently awarded him a prize in the Junior Coach of the Year category at their annual sports awards.

