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PRESS RELEASE



Calderdale College & Copley Cricket Club announce partnership

Calderdale College has today announced that it be the further education partner of Copley Cricket Club. The deal which is being announced today will bring significant benefits to both parties.

From the Club's point of view the partnership will (amongst other things) enable it to make use of the new sports facilities in the Inspire Centre on the College's Francis Street site and offer discounted membership to the College gym for the club's members.

The College will become the Club's Further Education Partners which will result in (amongst other things) work experience and development projects for College students, the College using the Club's grounds for College Cricket matches and the College having an advertising board at the Club's grounds.

In addition the College will work with the Club to increase female participation in the sport via the use during winter months of the College's facilities for the coaching of a newly formed girls' cricket team, South Halifax Girls.

Richard Hoyle, Chairman of Copley Cricket Club said "I am very pleased that Copley Cricket Club are forming an exciting new partnership with Calderdale College and feel sure that it will be of great benefit to both parties and the continued development of young people from both organisations."

Peter Nangle, Vice-Principal of the College said, "I'm delighted that we are making this announcement today. It is going to deliver fantastic opportunities for both Calderdale College and Copley Cricket Club. Becoming the Further Education Partner to Copley CC provides a strong platform for development for the College's learners and opportunities for Copley members to use the College's new state of the art sports facilities."

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A photograph of the official completion of the contract is attached

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Key Facts

Calderdale College engages with over 5,000 learners from sites across Calderdale. Our main campus is at Francis Street, Halifax but we also deliver building, construction skills, hairdressing and beauty at our North Halifax Skills Centre. In Todmorden we teach Art and Design to Degree level. At Ryburn High School we have a Construction Academy and in Brighouse we have the Mark Riley Hair Academy. In

addition we also teach construction courses at Build Centres throughout Kirklees. Recent highlights and successes include:

- Ofsted Report on Calderdale College March 2011 “**Good with outstanding features**”.
- The New £8million Inspire Centre opened in September 2011
- Calderdale Training, the College's services to business arm, works with over 750 companies across the region.
- In 2010 over 160 of our students progressed onto higher education.
- Education partner with Halifax RLFC.
- Calderdale College is fund holder for the £68m Enhancement Fund for skills and workforce development across Yorkshire and Humber.
- The College holds a national MATRIX Excellence Award for the quality of information, advice and guidance right across the College.
- In 2010 the College was awarded the Calderdale & Kirklees Quality Standard in Careers Education Information Advice and Guidance for providing excellent careers support to its learners.
- In September 2011 the College was nominated for an Outstanding Entrepreneurship in Learning and Skills TES Award.
- Calderdale College is one of only three colleges in the Yorkshire and Humber region to win an Enterprising FE (Efe) Outstanding Enterprise Case Study award.
- Calderdale College has been awarded the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA) Order of Distinction in the prestigious RoSPA Occupational Health and Safety Awards 2011.
- In 2011 the College was awarded Investors in Diversity.
- Calderdale College has been awarded the prestigious Training Quality Standard (TQS).

Copley Cricket Club

Founded in 1880, Copley Cricket Club is an England and Wales Cricket Board (“ECB”) Focus Club and is a long standing member of the Halifax Cricket League. The Club has been awarded Sport England’s Club Mark accreditation and, in addition to three senior cricket teams, has six junior teams with age ranges from Under 9’s to Under 17’s.

The Club aims to maintain its reputation as a friendly, family orientated club and the development of its junior members, and indeed Junior Cricket in general, continues to be a top priority. The Club now has approximately 20 coaches and is in the third year of the “Chance to Shine” scheme which encompasses coaching in six partner schools and an increasing number of School Festivals at primary school age. For 2012, the Club has promoted the formation of South Halifax Girls, a venture that was launched at Calderdale College in January 2012. South Halifax Girls now has many girls training on a regular weekly basis and has entered teams in the West Yorkshire Heavy Woollen Girls Cricket League.

Although fundraising continues, the Club is nearing the completion of a major Pavilion Redevelopment Project and, to support this project, was delighted to have been chosen by the ECB as one of only three National Showcase Clubs under the high profile NatWest CricketForce initiative, the largest community volunteering event in UK sport. On the Club’s National Showcase Day in early April, nearly 250 volunteers joined forces to support the “finishing” aspects of the new pavilion project and to prepare the Club for the new season.