



Exeter Chiefs Academy

DPP U16s

We hope you are all as excited as we are to getting the DPP back up and running in the 2021/22 season. U16s will start with our regional coaches in mid-September. Our regional heads will be in touch with club coaches in the coming weeks in order for them to nominate players. Anyone who is not nominated (e.g. school players) can be nominated through our nomination process on the Exeter Chiefs website.

Please note U15s will start in January when nominations can be made.

MALVERN WASH-UP (COLLEGE PRE SEASON)

Exeter Chiefs U18s travelled to Malvern College on Thursday 12th August to play in this summer festival. The U18s squad was largely made up of players from Exeter College and Truro College who played three games (Sale, Northampton Saints and Leicester Tigers). For many in the squad it was their first game for over 16 months.

On Friday 13th August, Exeter Chiefs took both their Chiefs North and Chiefs South U17s squads to Malvern College for games against Harlequins, Sale and Saracens.

Both age groups have had a number of training sessions over the summer at the college bases in order to get them contact ready for a day of rugby at Malvern College.

Exeter College and Truro College are coming to the end of their pre-season preparations for this seasons ACE League, which starts on Wednesday 8th September.

ARTHUR RELTON

Congratulations to Arthur Relton who won the U20s Six Nations competition recently, playing in all five of England's games, scoring six tries along the way including scoring in the victory against Wales, which included three of his Chiefs Academy teammates Oli Burrows, Christ Tshiunza and Dan John. We are sure Arthur enjoyed getting one over on his teammates!

Arthur, who has come through the academy via the DPP and Truro College, has had to work hard post U18s in order to get where he is today. It just goes to show that with hard work and dedication, late developers do come through our pathway. Arthur is about to embark on his 3rd year at Exeter University. Whilst at Exeter University, he gained the chance to train with Exeter Chiefs Academy Extension Group based at Exeter College where he performed well enough to be offered a senior academy contract.

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U18s SEASON WASH-UP

WOW! What an U18s campaign we have had, going unbeaten for the first time. There were some superb performances across the board from everyone who represented the U18s Academy squad over the shortened four game season. The performances came off the back of over a year out due to Covid, but we definitely hit the ground running, winning comfortably against Worcester at Sixways. Game two wasn't as comfortable as we had to come from behind to beat a spirited Bristol side with a last kick of the game penalty from half way from fly half and Captain Iwan Jenkins. Game three and four were our home games played at Truro College, Bath were the first visitors followed by Gloucester the week after.

CONTRACTED PLAYERS

We are sure you will all join us in congratulating our new intake of senior academy players that will join the senior playing squad. Ben Grubb (Truro College) and Iwan Jenkins (Exeter College) will be joined by fellow U18s academy graduates Ben Hammersley (Truro College), Charlie McCaig (Sherborne School) and Kian Gentry (Exeter College) who will train with the senior squad throughout pre-season before joining Exeter University to continue their academics in September.

LIONS PLAYERS

We are sure you are aware we have had two former academy players representing the Lions in South Africa. Luke Cowan-Dickie and Sam Simmonds have made not only Exeter Chiefs but also their junior clubs and Colleges very proud. It's great that the three homegrown players along with Jack Nowell (New Zealand in 2017) have gone to such high accolades. We hope Luke and Sam enjoy a break before returning to Chiefs training in a few weeks.

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