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DARLINGTON UNDER 16 PLAYS FOOTBALL FOR ENGLAND

A DARLINGTON pupil from Longfield School and Sports College has been chosen to play football for his country.

Adam Jackson, 16 from a pupil from Longfield school and Sports College was selected for an under 16 England Squad summer training camp following a some promising performances for Middlesbrough FC's under 16's team.

Adam joined up to 40 hopefuls to train during his school summer holidays in Burton, near Nottingham. Selectors for the England team visited to choose a possible squad for forthcoming matches.

His first experience of playing football for England was in the team against Wales at Yeovil, where he came on for ten minutes, followed by the Ireland game at Chester City FC in which he experienced a full match.

Adam Jackson said: "Playing the game I love for my country is a dream come true for me. We have to train really hard leading up to a match but I love every minute of it. Because we miss school sometimes we have to take an education pack with school work in it, so we don't fall behind with our coursework."

The next match is against Scotland this Thursday, November 26 and I am keeping my fingers crossed that I get to play again."