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### **SOUTHBOROUGH HIGH SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM**

## **Southborough 6<sup>th</sup> Form launches a Football Academy and a Rugby Academy where players will get the best of both worlds in terms of their training and education**

Last week, Headteacher of Southborough High School Mr Niall Smith welcomed Chairman of Corinthian-Casuals Football Club Mr Brian Vandervilt, Coach Mr Wayne Finnie and Club Development Manager and Academy Director of London Scottish Rugby Football Club Mr Corne duRand to the school to seal an exciting partnership with its' Sixth Form where, finally, talented footballers and rugby players can have the best of both worlds. Great coaching and development at a professional club, combined with superb academic learning at Southborough Sixth Form.

Mr Smith commented: "In the past, talented football and rugby players had to decide to take one of two routes at the age of 16: either that of a Sports Academy, with a 'sketchy' educational package attached, or they had to put their sporting ambitions to one side and choose full time education at a Sixth Form or college – with no football or rugby coaching in sight. Our new Sixth Form partnership with two such highly respected clubs will change all that for the better."

To find out when the launch events and trials for each Academy will take place, visit us at: [www.southborough.kingston.sch.uk](http://www.southborough.kingston.sch.uk)

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From left to right: Southborough students (in Corinthian-Casuals kit) Ryan Murphy, Joseph Launder, and Tyrell Muchina, Corinthian-Casuals FC Coach Mr Wayne Finnie, Chairman of Corinthian-Casuals FC Mr Brian Vandervilt, Headteacher of Southborough Mr Niall Smith, Club Development Manager and Academy Director of London Scottish Rugby Club Mr Corne duRand, Southborough students (in London Scottish kit) Jonny Davies, Sammy Taylor and Wayne Damoo.