

## **ANNUAL REPORT 2017– 2018**

### **SECTION 1 - MEMBERSHIP, OFFICERS AND SECRETARIAT**

#### **1.1 MEMBERSHIP**

A total of 398 Associations were registered for affiliation in Season 2017-2018.

#### **1.2 CHAIRMAN**

It has been a very demanding and yet very enjoyable year for the year's Chairman, Owen Aiston, who has coped admirably with the expectations of Council and Membership. He has travelled over 20,000 miles both here and abroad during this season representing ESFA at FA Meetings, Council Meetings, Boys and Girls Internationals, the Jersey Festival, the U11 Danone World Cup in New York, over 40 National Finals and many other ESFA events throughout the country. Owen also attended the U15 Girls International training camp held at PSV Eindhoven in Holland during February half-term. Owen has recently extended his work in schools football by taking up the post of Chairman of the Schools Association Football International Board (SAFIB) for the 2018-19 season. Owen will follow in the footsteps of the late Nigel Brown (ex-ESFA Chairman 2008-09) who served as Chairman of SAFIB during the 2013-14 season. Owen is very proud that his colleagues from SAFIB have the confidence in his commitment, expertise and ambassadorial skills to elect him as Chairman of SAFIB. Towards the end of his period in office with the ESFA Owen attended the Cerebral Palsy Sport Frame Football Development Day at St. George's Park as a guest of the Society. He was so impressed and inspired by what he experienced that day he volunteered to join the Frame Football Strategic Development Group whose sole purpose is ensuring there is opportunity to play football for children who use frames. On his appointment as ESFA Chairman Owen said that he was extremely honoured to be taking up the role as ESFA Chairman and would strive to maintain the excellent tradition of ESFA during his year as Chairman. Those who have met Owen on his travels round the country on ESFA business throughout the season would hopefully agree that he has.

#### **1.3 VICE-CHAIRMAN**

Throughout his year as Vice Chairman, John Martin has shown a very positive attitude, approaching all ESFA matters with a very enthusiastic, willing manner. He has represented the Association at numerous ESFA events during the season, including National Finals at Reading and Stoke plus Internationals. John attended the Bob Docherty U15 Girls International tournament in Belfast plus the Boys U18 International in the same city. He also attended the Boys games in Luton and Cardiff. John has also attended several PlayStation 'Ties of the Round' events. Due to his role as Vice Chair John is part of the SAFIB group and he has been to meetings in Manchester, Porto and Glasgow where he has debated the future of Schools Football with the best interest of the ESFA at heart. John has really enjoyed working with the Chairman, Owen, this year and has tried to share his working load when and where it was possible. John has been an integral part of the 'Girls Strategy' group which has tried to facilitate the future of Girls Football within the ESFA structure. John has also chaired over the last eighteen months the Independent Structures Group which has looked at the present rules of the ESFA and whether they are fit for purpose as we develop and govern Schools Football in the future. John has proved to be a valued member at meetings of the ESFA Officers and Trustees and has chaired the Development Committees during his four years on Council. John has been Chairman of Berkshire SFA for the last five years and held many roles in District and County Football during his 42 years involvement in Schools' Football. This will be an ideal foundation to serve as ESFA Chairman during 2018-19.

#### **1.4 CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

Having a strong lead professional at the helm of the ESFA has been very important to the ESFA again this year. Andrea Chilton has worked tirelessly to sustain and develop the Association and to lead Council to address a number of key issues. Andrea's skill and experience in business planning and her creativity to

solve problems has been a key factor in the ESFA sustaining activity levels whilst facing financial challenges. Andrea leads a strong staff team well and has developed the capacity of our head office by developing an intern programme that benefits the Association and the interns in their search for employment or their continued university education. The ESFA Council recognise Andrea's significant contribution and value her leadership.

## **1.5 STAFFING**

This season saw the early retirement of Sue Gifford, after more than 25 years' loyal service to the Association: Sue is, we understand, busily enjoying her retirement! The remaining staff team members continue to work hard on their own areas of responsibility whilst assuming additional duties resulting from Sue's departure. Lorna in particular has worked hard to ensure that customers, members and colleagues in the office continue to enjoy the high levels of service they have come to expect. Andy and Kieren continued on their annual road trips, supporting SLA delivery amongst our CSFAs and then checking compliance, whilst directing development funding to enable nearly 19,000 children to enjoy new football opportunities. Dawn has continued to support the Trustees with detailed financial management and reporting whilst, with David and Lorna, often holding the fort at HQ during national finals. The PLCF project, led by David, also continued and resulted in a national finals day enjoyed by all. Martin and Sarah have diligently led the Association through a number of historic and current child welfare cases whilst continuing to offer support to membership on this important topic. The National Competitions Department, ably led by Darren and effectively supported by our interns, delivered another fantastic national competitions programme, albeit one which saw alternate finals at the start of 2018 postponed due to adverse weather. Ed and Sarah played a huge part in these days, as well as in the ongoing administration of our competitions to get them to this point. The appointment of our interns – Ross Deakin, Josh Thornton and Andrew Ellery – as well as adding hugely to the quality and range of our services, allowed Sarah to concentrate on PR and on raising our national profile, which has increased incrementally during the season, with Andrew's help. Andrew has now been appointed as the Marketing Officer at Aldershot Town FC, following in the footsteps of Ben Brookes, the previous year's intern, who was also successful in securing employment after his internship concluded. Congratulations to them, and to the staff team who aided their development, and best wishes of course to Ross and Josh who have returned to University for the final year of their degrees. The team, competently led by our CEO, continues to be a great asset to the Association.

## **1.6 AUDITORS**

The ESFA's Honorary and Professional Auditors continue to provide the Association with advice and an independent, critical eye.

The Honorary Auditors, Neil Pont (Northumberland), Mark Warren (Staffordshire) and Allan Reed (Durham), all well-respected and greatly experienced schools' football colleagues, continued to serve the Association in their second year of office. As well as the usual annual visit, which is reported on later, the honorary auditors, usually represented by Neil, have been much more involved this season in their capacity as "critical friends", contributing to significant discussions about the financial future of the Association and to sourcing additional expertise to support Council in such plans.

Mark Warren will of course step down from his Honorary Auditor role now that he has been elected to Council: particular thanks are offered to Mark for his service.

Mark Ashton, of Lancaster & Co, continues to perform his professional duties on behalf of the Association with due diligence. The long-standing relationship with the ESFA is greatly valued.

Council wishes to record its thanks to our Honorary and Professional Auditors for their work on behalf of the Association

## SECTION 2 – FINANCE AND SPONSORSHIP

### 2.1 FINANCE

The 2017-18 accounts presented to membership are the first 12 month accounts to be based on a single playing season. The clarity provided by the accounts running alongside our activity cycle has enabled sound financial management during the past 12 months and given Trustees confidence in future planning.

The 2016-17 report projected a deficit budget of £32,000 for the 2017-18 playing season. We are pleased to report that this projected loss has been converted into a small surplus of £22,500 as we close the accounts for the year. This changed position has been achieved through good financial planning, a reduction of the staffing budget (the non-replacement of Sue Gifford after her retirement), reduced Council costs, hosting the 2017 AGM in Stafford (not London as planned), improved investment income from interest, a small sponsorship income from Panini and general financial prudence by staff and Trustees.

This small surplus is a significant one. It demonstrates the financial stability that is needed for the ESFA as a national organisation. It has been achieved without the loss of activity and gives confidence to current and potential investors that we are financially secure.

Positive relationships with sponsors have secured the important continued support of ESFA national competitions. PlayStation, Danone and the Premier League will all continue for the 2018-19 season with PlayStation and the Premier League due for review at the end of this season.

Finances continue to require careful management moving forward with a small surplus of £18,000 projected for the 2018-19 season. This position has been secured by:

- Restructuring the ESFA's international programme for 2018-19 to reduce costs and to work in partnership with a new Foundation Partner in the UCFB (University Campus of Football Business).
- Restructuring and refinancing Inter County Competitions that currently receive no financial support through ESFA partners or sponsorship.
- Full year of reduced staffing costs.

Supporting activity at county and district level remains a commitment of the Association. 39 County Schools FAs now have a paid administrator in place. This is an increase from the 26 reported in 2017. The ESFA recognises the financial challenges faced by county and district associations and has made the following support available during the 2017-18 season:

- Grants to support County Administrators - £147,600
- Cash Grants to County Associations - £88,000 (Including additional grant for data return)
- ESFA Development Funding - £75,438
- Premier League Primary District Project Grants - £50,200
- PFA Secondary Festival Grants - £6,000
- Regional Associate Grants - £4,000
- Inter County & Inter Association Travel, Accommodation & Home Loss payments - £70,106

In addition to these 3 training events for administrators have been staged and a fund raising workshop has been led by the ESFA Sponsorship Broker Adrian Stores of Acrobat Sports Marketing. The Trustees and Council remain committed to local associations and continue to seek partners, sponsors and new ideas to support the future of school football.

It is pleasing to report that the ESFA has been able to access all available grant funding from The Football Association during the 2017-18 financial period. The current ESFA / FA Business Plan has a year to run and the ESFA has been successful in meeting the required Key Performance Indicators (KPIs). Our CEO has played a key role in a review of the FA's relationship with the education sector and we will continue to strive for funding for representative football to be an element within the FA grant.

Trustees note the important work done by our Football Development team. SLA meetings have been held with all counties and direct support has been given to some associations to develop their offer to schools or create sustainability. We look forward to the publication of the best practice examples collected by the FD team on the ESFA website so that we can all learn from the great ideas that help to sustain school and representative football across the country.

The Trustees again wish to place on record thanks to our Chief Executive, Andrea Chilton and the Association's Finance Officer, Dawn Howard, for administering the ESFA's finances with skill, foresight and professionalism. Their work on the Association's finances has enabled Trustees to make well informed decisions in times of financial challenge. Their insight, dedication and enthusiasm for the work of the ESFA are valued and much appreciated.

## **2.2 SPONSORSHIP**

2017/18 was a critical year in sponsorship terms, being the first in a two year period during which every external income stream for the Association is subject to review, and we hope, renewal: meeting sponsor expectations, alongside those of membership, became therefore more important than ever. It was thus particularly pleasing to see that, once again, the National Competitions Department organised a highly successful year, culminating in our usual flagship National Finals and being instrumental in securing continuation or extended funding for the Association.

The DANONE Nations Cup Finals once again provided a great showcase for ESFA Primary Football, this year at Coventry City's Ricoh Arena. Danone were, as usual, highly supportive of the event, providing volunteers to help on the day. Danone were again very satisfied with this National Competition and despite cutting budgets elsewhere, are extending their contract with the ESFA for a further three years. We remain very grateful to Danone for prioritising their investment in schools' football.

With the support of HPS Jardine, the National Competitions Department also ran a very successful PlayStation Schools' Cup Football Festival at what is now becoming the home of these finals, Reading FC. Again, a strong PlayStation presence and additional investment by them - in player appearances, give-aways and prizes - created an electric atmosphere which was once again highly valued by players, team managers and spectators. PlayStation funding continues for 2018/19.

The Premier League Charitable Trust continued to support the work of the ESFA in 2017/18, with continued sponsorship of the U16 Schools Cups and the U11 District Primary Festivals and Finals. We are grateful to the Premier League for their support of the competitions and for their financial help to promote U11 district football.

The ESFA offers its sincere thanks to the sponsors and partners who support the International programme – without their contribution, opportunities for children to represent their country through the ESFA would be strictly limited. Inspiresport's provision of pre-season training in continental Europe was once again a highlight for players, with the girls in particular enjoying playing against high quality opposition during their camp at PSV Eindhoven. The boys also enjoyed their warm weather training in Spain, and the ESFA is grateful to Inspiresport for extending their contract with us to 2020.

Pass4Soccer remain our official partner for US scholarships, providing opportunities for our best players (and not just our international trialists) to assess whether this route to University is suitable. This long term relationship provides some stability for the Association in being able to offer this service to pupils.

Pendle Sports, official suppliers of football kit, continued with their support for the Association by gifting kit to the international team and by providing reduced price kits for our members. Our thanks go to them at the end of this year's partnership: their continuation into the 2018/19 season means that we all benefit from their special offers and deals.

The British Heart Foundation, the Association's first Associate Charity, maintained its partnership with the ESFA in 2017/18, providing secondary schools with the opportunity to gain a free CPR kit for their school, as well as funding the cost of the production costs incurred in getting both boys' home international matches back onto television. Freesports, through our connections with 247.TV, broadcast both our Boys U18 International games, which were repeated several times through April.

Running Imp, suppliers of the Olympic torches, concluded their first year as our official medal supplier and sponsor of the U12 Indoor Football Fives, which culminated in a lively finals day at PlayFootball in Birmingham and Mark Harrod, official goalpost supplier, continued with their in-kind support of our activity.

Part way through the 2017/18 season, the ESFA embarked on a new partnership arrangement with Panini, official sticker book provider of the FIFA World Cup. In exchange for a small management fee, the ESFA administered the "Classroom Challenge", which gave participant schools access to football-based curriculum resources as well as gifts of shirts, Panini merchandise and Pendle gift vouchers (up to £1000 per winning school) for the winners in the Classroom Challenge. Panini continue their partnership with the ESFA in 2018/19.

At the very end of the season, the ESFA announced two new partnerships. University Campus for Football and Business (UCFB), part of New Bucks University, became the latest sponsor of the international programme, and bring two additional friendly fixtures for the boys, for the 2018/19 season. UK Sepsis Trust became the Association's second Associate Charity, with whom we aim to support the PSHE curriculum with resources to draw attention to the disease, and thus aid prevention. Both of these partnerships are for a year in the first instance.

Mr John Scales, former broker of both the PlayStation and Danone sponsorship deals, stood down as the Association's representative in February. Mr Adrian Stores, from Acrobat Sports Marketing, was subsequently appointed as sponsorship broker and was instrumental in securing the UCFB introduction, which has, as noted above, converted to cash sponsorship. Mr Stores has a number of active enquiries underway, and the Trustees hope that further cash sponsorship will be secured before the end of the calendar year, when the initial arrangement with Mr Stores concludes.

## **SECTION 3 – COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **3.1 REPRESENTATIVE FOOTBALL**

The Representative Football Committee replaced the former international committee in order to make sure the wider rep football programme was given consideration.

The Committee received a piece of research on the state of the EFA's talent pathway nationally and has used the findings to shape some of the plans being shared at the AGM, particularly with regard to sustaining district activity. The Committee was also responsible for oversight of the U11 District Rep football project, which saw grants and kit packages distributed to members, courtesy of the PLCF.

The Committee also gave consideration to the sustainability of the County rep game and continued to liaise, through appropriate personnel, with The FA to clarify the eligibility of girls to represent their County and their RTC. After prolonged debate and a review by The FA, the original decision to exclude RTC Tier 1 girls from the county game was reversed.

The Committee, with Council, gave careful consideration to the sustainability of the international programme and worked hard with Council Members, SAFIB officials, sponsors and staff to ensure that the programme remained viable.

### **3.2 COMPETITIONS**

The ESFA successfully delivered a portfolio of 46 National Competitions during Season 2017-2018. This season showed a slight decline in participation for the second successive season as 6,706 teams registered to compete in the Secondary Schools' Cups, compared to 6,746 in Season 2016-17. However, the figure still represents the third highest number of entries registered over the previous 10 years.

The organisation of the national finals period commenced with hosting the three Deaf Schools' Tournaments, in conjunction with the National Deaf Children's Sports Association, at the Derby Powerleague on Tuesday 6th February. A month later, the ESFA returned to PlayFootball Birmingham for a second successive season (previously the National Futsal Centre), for the National Finals of the ESFA U12 'Running Imp' Football Fives. Reported participation figures showed a healthy increase for this format of the game as 955 teams registered for the boys' competition (compared to 778 last season) and 622 for the girls' category (compared to 479 in the previous season).

Notts County Football Club was once again the host venue for a celebration of girls' football on Monday 8th March. A number of local primary and secondary schools sent pupils along to enjoy the event which was planned to coincide with International Women's Day. The Girls' Under 18 Schools' Cup and Girls' Under 18 Colleges' Cup Finals were held as a double header and were both broadcast live on ESFA TV, which attracted over 4,000 views on YouTube. Hannah Cain, England Under 19 Women's international and Sheffield FC Women's Championship player, made a personal appearance to support the event and present the medals and trophies in support of the event. Special thanks was given to Simon Fotheringham, Commercial Operations Director at Notts County FC, for his assiduous approach in ensuring a successful day was hosted at Meadow Lane.

The National Competitions Department continued its strategy of hosting as many Under 18 Finals as possible before the Easter break. However, this does present inevitable challenges in attempting to secure Football League stadia at a time of the year when inclement weather is customary in England. This was most noticeable at the Keepmoat Stadium, home to Doncaster Rovers FC, on Monday 12th March, when the ESFA managed to complete the first part of a double header of finals where Thomas Telford defeated Glyn School (Sutton SFA) to become the Under 18 B Team Cup champions, but ESFA staff were frustrated to see the second final of the day postponed due to a deluge of rain that fell throughout the first

final of the day. Andrew Witham, Head of Commercial Affairs at Club Doncaster, managed to procure a new date for the ESFA to use the Keepmoat Stadium on Sunday 6th May to host the rescheduled Under 18 Schools' Cup Final for Boys between Repton School and Millfield School.

The ESFA National Finals' roadshow moved onto Ewood Park, home to Blackburn Rovers FC, on Monday 19th March, to host the Under 18 Colleges' Trophy for Boys between Newcastle Under Lyme College and St Charles VI Form College (West London SFA). Thanks go to Ian Silvester (Club Secretary) and Sarah Logan (Assistant Club Secretary) for their expertise and professionalism in organising the event. A special mention goes to Marvin Robinson, our very own Independent Council Member, for providing expert analysis during the live TV coverage; highlights of which were aired on Premier Sports TV, at a later date.

The four Premier League sponsored U16 Schools' Cup finals were all hosted on Thursday 10th May at Stoke City Football Club's stadium. The 8 teams all received Nike kits courtesy of the Premier League and the day attracted over 11,000 views on ESFA TV. The ESFA returned to Stoke City on Friday 11th May, Saturday 12th May and Wednesday 15th May to host a further 12 national finals including our Inter County and Inter District Cup Final programme. The ESFA wishes to place on record its thanks to Gemma Hale (Commercial Manager), Ravi Sharma (Head of Operations) and Andy Jackson (groundsman) at Stoke City Football Club, for allowing us to use such fantastic facilities over the course of four days.

The Ricoh Arena, home to Coventry City FC and Wasps RFC, hosted the U11 Danone Nations Cup on Saturday 19th May 2018. Newham Schools' FA were crowned Inter Association winners and Ponteland Academy (Northumberland CSFA) won the girls' category. As a result, both teams have been invited to represent Team England at the Danone Nations World Cup Finals, which will be hosted in Barcelona in October 2019. The ESFA is also extremely grateful to Mark Harrod Ltd for donating four sets of age appropriate goalposts for the National Finals.

The fifth PlayStation Schools' Cup season was brought to a close with another fantastic PS Schools' Cup Final Festival, which returned back to the Madejski Stadium, home to Reading Football Club, on Monday 21st to Wednesday 23rd May. The partnership, supported by PlayStation's PR Company, HPS Jardine, continued its fantastic season-long work by once again showcasing 10 'Tie of the Round' events at schools across England, with appearances from Premier League footballers including Jan Vertonghen, Harry Maguire, Ashley Young, Jack Butland and Ruben Loftus Cheek. The inaugural 'Schools' Football Week' was launched on Monday 5th February which saw hundreds of football activities and lessons hosted at schools across England, throughout the week. As part of the initiative, Ryan Sessegnon and Steven Sessegnon of Fulham Football Club, visited the school which they previously attended as students. Both Ryan and Steven were crowned PlayStation Schools' Cup champions as pupils of Coombe Boys' School in 2014 and 2015. Once again, these events gained some fantastic coverage in a variety of National Press, not only in print but also through social media and television.

The National Competitions Department, led by Darren Alcock, has coped admirably with the demands of organising so many national competitions and events while maintaining strong relationships with all our major sponsors throughout the season. Sarah Kearney and Ed Mitchell are to be commended for accepting the additional workload and the team have gone above and beyond the call of duty in helping the ESFA to deliver another exceptional season. Thanks are also extended to Joshua Thornton, Ross Deakin and Andrew Ellery who left the ESFA in the summer of 2018 after successfully completing a 12 month internship at HQ. The ESFA would also like to place on record its thanks to Garry Griffiths of 353 Photography, Adrian Battersby at 247 TV, Alex Wint for providing his services as a qualified physiotherapist and the army of referees that helped officiate at all ESFA fixtures and National Finals throughout the season.

### **3.5 ASSOCIATION DEVELOPMENT**

The newly-formed Association Development Committee had a far reaching remit in Season 2017/18, with a wide range of topics being considered. Most significant has been overseeing the work and proposals of the 'Structures Working Group', chaired by John Martin. Thanks go to all the group and in particular the members from outside the ESFA Council, who contributed significantly to this piece of work, sharing their knowledge of not just schools' football, but sport and physical activity in schools and the wider education landscape.

The ESFA Development Fund once again proved popular and successful. The season saw £79k distributed to local organisations to support the development of schools' football. This has resulted in 913 new girls' teams, 788 new boys' teams, 273 new mixed teams and 135 new disability teams.

39 Counties now have administrators in place and once again thanks to those partner organisations who have helped make this initiative so successful. Three training days were held throughout the year to support the workforce.

We have continued to support The Association of Muslim Schools with their new competitions and worked together on the first finals day at St Georges Park in June. Additionally, we were once again involved in the FA Disability Cup Finals, a two-day event held at St George's Park, showcasing disability impairment football competitions including our own deaf girls' teams.

The Committee has regularly received and reviewed updates regarding safeguarding and discipline and has approved sanctioning of local competitions. Thanks are extended to the members and staff of the Association Development Committee and notably Neil Hopwood who stepped down from the ESFA in June.

## **SECTION 4 – LIAISON**

### **4.1 FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION**

Mike Spinks has been re-elected by his ESFA Council colleagues to continue to be their representative on the FA Council. Mike has been selected by The FA Appointments Panel to serve on the following FA Committees – Disability, Women's Ambassadorial Panel, Youth Football Participation and Development. During the Season 2017-2018 Mike missed a couple of meetings when he away on other FA business but apart from those occasions he had a 100% attendance record.

#### **4.1.1 The National Game Board**

Mike Spinks completed his 3-year stint as the education spokesperson on the National Game Board at the end of last season. There is an allocated place on the National Game Board for a schools' representative which either the ESFA or the Independent Schools FA can fill. After consultation with the ISFA Officers it was agreed that Mike should continue as the education spokesperson for another term of office. He has regular meetings with the ISFA Chief Executive, Mark Dickson.

#### **4.1.2 FA Development Committee**

The Committee meets four times a year, and on a rota basis at each meeting, one of the educational partners (ESFA, Independent Schools FA, Association of Colleges, British Universities) makes a short presentation on its activities and then answers questions from the members of the Committee. Andrea Chilton and Andy Weston again gave an excellent insight into the current activities of the ESFA.

#### **4.1.3 FA Disability Committee**

The Disability Committee has taken a particular interest in the Deaf Schools Festival which the ESFA has been very successfully staging in Derby for many years. The winners of the girls' competition in February 2018 were invited to the FA Disability Cup Finals Day at St George's Park in June. Braidwood School for the Deaf from Birmingham were beaten in the Final at SGP by Derby County Community Trust. Mike Spinks was asked to represent The FA at the European Cerebral Palsy Championships in Holland at the end of July 2018 where the England team finished in 5<sup>th</sup> place. Ten countries took part in the tournament which was won by Russia.

#### **4.1.4 FA Women's and Girls Committee**

Mike Spinks has continued to be the voice from the world of education to speak when girls' schools and youth football was being discussed. Mike was asked to be the Head of Delegation when the Under 17 and Under 19 England teams travelled to Lithuania and Slovakia respectively for UEFA Championship Tournaments. During the season several meetings took place involving the ESFA Chief Executive and Mike with senior FA staff for women's and girls' football. As a result, it was agreed that plans can continue to be made by County Schools Secretaries for their Under 14 and Under 16 Inter-County Girls football leagues and cups to play on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month in Season 2018-2019.

#### **4.1.5 FA Youth Committee**

Mike Spinks has attended all its meetings and given the members the full details of the matches and trials organised for our Boys Under 18 International squad. The FA has continued to operate with just two Youth Committee Ambassadors travelling abroad with the Men's Youth teams for tournaments, and as a result the ESFA was not asked to nominate anyone during the season.

#### **4.2 SARA**

The Sports and Recreation Alliance meets in London twice a year to discuss matters of interest and concern from a wide variety of sports, not just football. It also arranges an Annual Conference on a topical issue. This year the main thrust of meetings has concerned volunteering. Each meeting has received a safeguarding update.

#### **4.3 THE ESFA PREMIER LEAGUE PROGRAMME**

The programme had another successful year, with support from the Premier League in the form of grant payments and support for the National 9 a side U11 District Competition. As a result of PLCF investment:

- £52,000 distributed in the form of small grants and kit packages to support activity
- thereby supporting 72 District Associations directly
- 36 x Girls U10 and U11 District Teams supported
- 46 x Boys U10 and U11 District Teams supported
- Approximately 1,500 players engaged at District level through the programme

The PLCF funding is hugely valued by ESFA membership and results in a very positive perception of the organisation within ESFA membership. As always, we encourage Districts to learn from one another and share best practice to develop successful Representative Football activity. There are many positive case studies of Associations providing high quality rep programmes on top of thriving local schools' activity and these are available on the website.

The third (Boys) and second (Girls) edition of the U11 National 9 a side District competition has been extremely successful, with this seasons finals being hosted at Liverpool FC Academy. Congratulations go to Wokingham (Boys) and Haringey (Girls) as they were crowned national champions.

#### **4.4 CHILD WELFARE**

The National Welfare Officers have continued to work closely with the FA and the national Safeguarding Team to ensure that the Association and our member Associations continue to comply with FA Policies and our legal obligations. Every Associations running representative teams must have an FA qualified Welfare Officer with an in date (within the last 3 years) FA Criminal Record Check (DBS) and every manager or coach with an Association representative team must also have an accepted FA DBS. Those who are not practising teachers must also complete the FA Safeguarding training every 3 years.

All but a few Associations fulfilled this legal obligation and those that did not were suspended from playing because they either did not have staff listed on the portal, teams were listed without coaching staff or their team staff were non-compliant. Once Associations complied, the suspensions were quickly lifted, however there continues to be a small number of Associations where there continue to be compliance issues.

Further changes have been made to the online portal to make it more “user friendly” to Associations but it is important that Associations keep their section of the portal up-to-date and this includes the deletion of staff who are no longer involved with the Association’s representative teams, in line with our GDPR obligations.

The Association continues to be involved in a number of safeguarding concerns and poor practice incidents, which have been managed by the National Welfare Officers working closely with Association Welfare Officers or the FA Management team and Statutory Agencies where appropriate. Some FA Suspensions have been issued, with supervision or additional training required for some coaches.

The Association continues to work closely with County FAs across the country ensuring that access to the appropriate training opportunities for Welfare Officers and staff are accessible locally. The National Welfare Officers issue a newsletter each term to Welfare Officers and Association Secretaries updating members with safeguarding updates on policies.

There is full access to a large number of policy documents and guidelines on the ESFA website – these are reviewed annually and updated as required.

The FA is expected to publish the results of the independent inquiry into historic abuse in football, “Operation Hydrant”, in the next few months and safeguarding remains a priority in football. ESFA is working with The FA towards achieving the Safeguarding Minimum Operating Standards, which are being introduced across football.

Priorities for the 2018-19 season will include continued support for Associations to ensure all their representative team staff comply with ESFA affiliation requirements and adhere to ESFA/FA safeguarding policies. Further changes are planned to the Portal, which will include automated emails to staff informing them that they need to renew their FA DBS. We will also continue to work with County and District Associations to make sure all referees appointed to representative matches are FA qualified and registered.

#### **4.5 SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL INTERNATIONAL BOARD**

The Schools Association Football International Board (more commonly referred to as SAFIB) is an organisation of affiliated countries from around the world who have an interest in promoting football in their schools. As well as representation from the United Kingdom and Ireland, many of the European countries are affiliated as well as Australia and New Zealand. Mike Spinks is currently the SAFIB Secretary and Dave Woollaston the Assistant Secretary. During the 2017-2018 season the ESFA Chairman and Vice-Chairman attended the Winter Meeting in Porto in January 2018 and the SAFIB Annual General Meeting in Scotland in June 2018. Next season’s SAFIB Chairman will be the ESFA nomination, Owen Aiston.

Council wishes him a successful term of office. Each season the ESFA National Competitions Department nominates a boys' school team to go to the Allen McKinstry Under 14 Cup Tournament and a girls' team from the same age group to attend the Rod Houston Cup for girls' school teams. These tournaments effectively create the British Isles School Champions.

#### **4.5.1 SAFIB Victory Shield**

The Victory Shield has continued (since the withdrawal of England in 2015) to be competed for by Northern Ireland, the Republic of Ireland, Scotland and Wales. In October 2017, an excellent tournament was staged by the Northern Ireland Schools Football Association over one week at club grounds in Belfast and Bangor. The Republic of Ireland emerged as the winners.

#### **4.5.2 SAFIB Under 15 Bob Docherty Cup for Girls National Teams**

This tournament is for the Girls Under 15 International Teams from Great Britain and Ireland – England, Northern Ireland, the Republic of Ireland, Scotland and Wales. The event in April 2018 was staged by the Irish Football Association in Belfast. The ESFA Under 15 team performed with great distinction throughout the event. The team were unfortunate in narrowly losing the Final, 2-1 against the Republic of Ireland, after leading for much of the match. The Travel Company "Inspiresport" again supported the squad by arranging a half-term training week abroad in February. This year the team went to Eindhoven in Holland for two very competitive games against local Dutch sides.

#### **4.5.3 SAFIB Under 14 Allen McKinstry Cup for Boys Schools Teams**

This tournament is for boys' school teams from Great Britain and Ireland – the Champions from England, Northern Ireland, the Republic of Ireland, Scotland and Wales. The event in May 2018 was staged by the Scottish Schools Football Association in Glasgow. The ESFA representatives at the tournament were again Thomas Telford School from Shropshire but the Champions were St Ninian's High School from Giffnock near Glasgow.

#### **4.5.4 Under 14 Rod Houston Cup for Girls School Teams**

The tournament for the Girls Champion School Teams took place at the Lilleshall National Sports Centre in Shropshire just before the half-term break in October 2017. England with two teams, the Republic of Ireland and Wales competed. The event was organised by Mike Spinks and Dave Woollaston with support from the ESFA office staff and using the financial expertise of Dawn Howard. The ESFA is also grateful to Mark Warren, now an ESFA Council Member, for making the appointments of the match officials. England were represented by their Champions, Chesterfield High School from Liverpool, and St Ivo School from Huntingdon but the comfortable winners of the event were Presentation Secondary School from Kilkenny.

#### **4.6 NCSS 2017**

The ESFA continues to support the work of the National Council for School Sport (NCSS) which aims to facilitate contact between all those organising school sport, including School Sport Associations and National Governing Bodies. It also connects its members with The Youth Sport Trust and the Sport and Recreation Alliance. The NCSS has its own website ([www.ncss.org.uk](http://www.ncss.org.uk)) and produces an E-Zine on a regular basis. The NCSS links with the International School Sport Federation (ISF – website [www.isfsports.org](http://www.isfsports.org)) and offers school teams, and, in some sports, selected teams, the opportunity to compete internationally. An innovation this year was 'The English Education Games' where disabled and able bodied boys and girls competed together at a variety of different disability sports. It was held at Stoke Mandeville and Much Wenlock and was a great success. It will be repeated in 2019. Because of changes in company law the NCSS has to change its name and will in future be known as the 'National Federation for Schools Sport' or the NFSS.

## 4.7 MARKETING AND PR

Throughout the 2017-18 season, the ESFA have continued to make improvements regarding the organisation's PR and Communications strategy, including the addition of an intern into the PR and Comms department to help to sustain the work being created by the constant growth of the ESFA's profile. Our social media profile has increased year on year, with the addition of new channels to help diversify our offering. The correct and continual use of social media becomes more and more important each season when communicating with schools, sponsors and the general public. We have seen a number of improvements to existing initiatives as well as some exciting new developments.

**4.7.1 Twitter** - Followers have increased significantly from 14,100 to 16,644 and in the last three months alone we have managed 120 direct tweets, over 21,000 profile visits and 506,000 tweet impressions across the three month period. Twitter is an integral part of both our public image and communication strategy and has become hugely effective in advertising/promoting events, sharing successes and interacting with member schools. The use of hashtags for international fixtures, cup finals, PlayStation Schools' Cup competitions and initiatives, such as girls' football week, have helped to share our work and promote our successes. This is vital in terms of our existing and potential sponsors.

**4.7.2 Facebook** – The ESFA Facebook account has been less of a priority for previous seasons, but usage increased slightly during the 17-18 season and will be increased further for the 18-19 season. The page has risen from 1,474 to 1,792 'likes, which is a small increase, but this should now increase further as the site becomes more active again.

**4.7.3 Instagram** – The ESFA Instagram account was launched at the start of the 17-18 season and has already grown to have over 1000 followers. Instagram is a great way to reach new audiences and we have been really pleased with the uptake on the account so far.

**4.7.4 YouTube** – Season 17-18 saw us able to stream every ESFA National Final in great quality with full match commentary and on screen graphics live and for free for the second consecutive season via our YouTube channel. We now have 2,259 subscribers, almost 1000 more than the previous season. Live views of the 17-18 match coverage pulled a combined audience of 63,437 (10,000 up on last season) and replays of matches came in at 67,135. Also, several matches from this season were also broadcast live on Freesports, a sports channel available on Freeview, Sky and Cable.

**4.7.5 247.TV** – It is with thanks to this company that the ESFA are able to stream such high quality matches live online, free for fans and supporters of Schools' Football. The company are highly supportive of the ESFA and work tirelessly to ensure the work done together is of great quality. This season, as mentioned previously, 247.TV had managed to secure TV coverage for International matches and also some U18 National Finals, which was great for the Association. Once again, the British Heart Foundation also sponsored the live match coverage of the England matches, which allowed us to help promote the wonderful work of the BHF and their Nation of Lifesavers campaign.

**4.7.6 Website** – In the last twelve months our website has enjoyed over 1.7 million 'hits' with nearly 200,000 individual users. 80% of our viewers in this time period have been new users with 20% being returning users. Following last season, we have carried out research to determine the best way to deliver our aims. 2018-19 will see the 'launch of a brand new ESFA website, with many more exciting changes and updates to come.

**4.7.7 International Squads** – Last season's improved media exposure of our national squads and cup finals has continued this year. This has been both locally and nationally with both boys' home

Centenary Shield fixtures being streamed online and televised and a more involved Twitter following of the squads.

**4.7.8 353 Photography** – Garry Griffiths of 353 Photography has captured some excellent images from our cup finals and international fixtures as well as a host of other events. The relationship is a very successful one that has continued to grow throughout the season providing the association with a selection of images for promotional and press use.

**4.7.9 Brand Identity** – By enlisting the resources of a local print and design company, we have been able to ensure our brand identity has been consistent across all printed documents as well as social media and other assets by using the previously designed brand guidelines. The ESFA brand is becoming more recognisable now in terms of logos, colours and fonts used across promotional materials.

**4.7.10 Head Teacher Toolkit** – Following the 2017-18 National Finals, a Head teacher toolkit has been put together for distribution ahead of the 2018-19 season in the hope that with more information about the ESFA competitions, we may be able to expect greater numbers of spectators to National Final events. The brochure will also include a poster listing 15 benefits of schools' football.

**4.7.11 Opportunities to Promote Our Work 'On the Ground'**

Don't forget, each council member now has a 'pop-up' banner (in addition to those already in use by the staff) to display at the inter-county fixtures, festivals, cup finals etc. Each county schools' association also has two; each containing the ESFA logo and contact details as well as the appropriate county schools' logo. This has helped to promote ESFA as the national governing body through the wealth of local and regional fixtures and events that already take place.

## **SECTION 5 – FESTIVALS**

### **5.1 UNDER 11 JERSEY FESTIVAL (8-13 April 2018):** by Owen Aiston

Sixteen teams participated in the 44<sup>th</sup> Jersey Primary Football Festival, held between 8-13<sup>th</sup> April 2018, the longest running of its kind in the British Isles. The festival, which was first held way back in 1974, is a great example of the quality of work done in school sport on the Island and it's fantastic for Jersey's reputation as a tourism and sporting destination, as well as for those participating. Four primary-size pitches had been marked especially for the Festival which meant that all games took place at the same time each day at the FB Playing Fields in St. Clement. Together with several hundred spectators, this certainly helped to create a wonderful festival atmosphere on each occasion. All agreed that the standard of play was very good throughout with a skill factor predominating and games played in a true sporting spirit. The Festival was again sponsored by PwC who provided inscribed T-shirts, certificates and printed programmes to all players, and undertook a major portion of the cost of minibus and hire car transport provision for all visiting groups. The whole group was accommodated at The Mayfair Hotel where the management were sufficiently impressed to make a point of commenting favourably on the overall excellent standard of behaviour of all the children. The Festival was delighted to welcome the Chairman of ESFA, Owen Aiston, who spent three very enjoyable days in attendance. A representative of the PwC, the Jersey team and officials and Festival referees all joined together with the resident contingent to bring the event to its official close at a final Dinner on the Friday evening. Again individual certificates were presented to all players and a special presentation was made by the ESFA Chairman to Pat Cullinane in recognition of his continued first class leadership of the long-standing festival.

The Festival really is a unique experience and one both children and parents will value and remember for a life-time. "The island was as interesting and spectacular as I remembered it, the hospitality as welcoming

as when I attended the festival back in 1991 as a parent, the football as good and the organisation as perfect as I had been told on many occasions. It really was a tremendous week – my only complaint was that it went too quickly “ Keith Steadman (Chairman of GPSFA )

## 5.2 SOMERSET FESTIVAL: @ESFASOMFESTIVAL

The Somerset Festival 2018 was a great success with twenty U13/14 district teams taking part. The increase in participants is an indication that the festival offers a popular and high quality experience for district teams. Associations in residence enjoyed great facilities at Millfield School in Street and all of the games were played on the excellent playing surfaces offered by Millfield’s Kingsweston Campus. The closing ceremony was held at the Westlands Entertainment Centre in Yeovil and featured a presentation by Darren Way, manager of Yeovil Town and former Plymouth school boy.

The ESFA was able to financially support this festival as a result of the festival grant funding provided by the Professional Footballers Association. Our thanks go to the PFA and to Somerset Schools FA who, led by Stuart Crisp, have established a major event in the ESFA calendar. The 2019 festival will take place between the 14-17 April. Details of how to get involved are available via Twitter @esfasomfestival

## SECTION 6 – COMPETITION RESULTS

### U11 Schools’ Cup for School Teams Final

Sponsored By Danone UK

Saturday 19 May 2018

The Ricoh Arena, Coventry City FC

Victoria Prep School (Channel Islands CSFA) 1

St Peter’s Church of England Primary School (Lancashire CSFA) 0

### U11 Small Schools’ Cup Final

Sponsored By Danone UK

Saturday 19 May 2018

The Ricoh Arena, Coventry City FC

Loyola Prep School (Essex CSFA) 1 3 (p)

Hale Primary School (Hampshire CSFA) 1 5 (p)

### U11 Inter Association Trophy Final

Sponsored By Danone UK

Saturday 19 May 2018

The Ricoh Arena, Coventry City FC

Newham SFA (Essex CSFA) 1

Leeds SFA (West Yorkshire CSFA) 0

### U11 Schools’ Cup for Girls

Sponsored By Danone UK

Saturday 19 May 2018

The Ricoh Arena, Coventry City FC

Ponteland Academy (Northumberland CSFA) 1

Gerrards Cross CofE School (Buckinghamshire CSFA) 0

U12 Boys Indoor 5-A-Side Cup Final  
 Sponsored By Running Imp  
 Wednesday 25 April 2018  
 PlayFootball Centre, Birmingham

Kingsdale Foundation School (South London SFA)	3	4 (p)
Northampton School for Boys (Northampton SFA)	3	3 (p)

U12 Girls Indoor 5-A-Side Cup Final  
 Sponsored By Running Imp  
 Wednesday 25 April 2018  
 PlayFootball Centre, Birmingham

West Park School (Derby & District SFA)	1
All Saints Catholic College (Huddersfield SFA)	2

U12 Boys Schools Cup Final  
 Sponsored By PlayStation  
 Monday 21 May 2018  
 Madejski Stadium, Reading FC

Shenfield High School (Chelmsford & Mid Essex SFA)	0
Wright Robinson College (Manchester SFA)	7

U12 Boys Elite Schools Cup Final  
 Sponsored By PlayStation  
 Tuesday 22 May 2018  
 Madejski Stadium, Reading FC

Whitgift School (Croydon SFA)	5
Northampton School for Boys (Northampton SFA)	1

U12 Boys Schools Cup for B Teams Final  
 Sponsored By PlayStation  
 Monday 21 May 2018  
 Madejski Stadium, Reading FC

Bishop Challoner Federation School Sports College (Tower Hamlets SFA)	1
Wright Robinson College (Manchester SFA)	4

U12 9 a side Schools Cup for Girls  
 Sponsored By PlayStation  
 Monday 25 June 2018  
 St George's Park, Burton on Trent

St John Fisher RC High School (Harrogate & Craven SFA)	1
Gordano School (North Somerset SFA)	0

U12 9 a side Small Schools Cup  
 Sponsored By PlayStation  
 Monday 21 May 2018  
 Madejski Stadium, Reading FC

St John's Senior School (Enfield SFA)	6
Chantry Middle School (East Northumberland SFA)	2

U13 Boys Schools Cup Final	
Sponsored By PlayStation	
Tuesday 22 May 2018	
Madejski Stadium, Reading FC	
Cardinal Hume RC School (Gateshead SFA)	4
Cardinal Newman Catholic School (Brighton & Hove SFA)	1
U13 Boys Elite Schools Cup Final	
Sponsored By PlayStation	
Wednesday 16 May 2018	
Bet365 Stadium, Stoke City FC	
Thomas Telford School (Telford & Wrekin SFA)	1
Langley School (Norwich SFA)	0
U13 Boys Schools Cup for B Teams Final	
Sponsored By PlayStation	
Wednesday 16 May 2018	
Bet365 Stadium, Stoke City FC	
Ivybridge Community College (Plymouth SFA)	9
Wright Robinson College (Manchester SFA)	3
U13 Girls Schools Cup Final	
Sponsored By PlayStation	
Monday 21 May 2018	
Madejski Stadium, Reading FC	
St Peter's Catholic School (Solihull SFA)	1
Bohunt School Wokingham (Reading SFA)	2
U13 Boys Small Schools Cup Final	
Sponsored By PlayStation	
Wednesday 23 May 2018	
Madejski Stadium, Reading FC	
The Greneway School (North Hertfordshire SFA)	6
Blacon High School (Chester SFA)	0
U13 Inter Association Trophy Final	
Sponsored By PlayStation	
Wednesday 16 May 2018	
Bet365 Stadium, Stoke City FC	
Brighton & Hove SFA (Sussex CSFA)	0
Liverpool SFA (Merseyside CSFA)	3
U14 Boys Inter County Trophy Final	
Sponsored By PlayStation	
Saturday 21 May 2018	
Bet365 Stadium, Stoke City FC	
Kent CSFA	0
Merseyside CSFA	3

U14 Girls Inter County Trophy Final		
Sponsored By PlayStation		
Saturday 21 May 2018		
Bet365 Stadium, Stoke City FC		
Kent CSFA	0	
Lancashire CSFA	4	
U14 Boys Schools Cup Final		
Sponsored By PlayStation		
Wednesday 23 May 2018		
Madejski Stadium, Reading FC		
Thomas Telford School (Telford & Wrekin SFA)	3	
Whitgift School (Croydon SFA)	2	
U14 Boys Schools Cup for B Teams Final		
Sponsored By PlayStation		
Friday 11 May 2018		
Bet365 Stadium, Stoke City FC		
Sandbach School (South Cheshire SFA)	2	4(p)
Hampton School (Richmond SFA)	2	3(p)
U14 Boys Small Schools Cup Final		
Sponsored By PlayStation		
Tuesday 22 May 2018		
Madejski Stadium, Reading FC		
Ibstock Place School (Richmond SFA)	0	
Moorland School (Hyndburn & Ribble Valley SFA)	5	
U14 Boys Elite Schools Cup Final		
Sponsored By PlayStation		
Tuesday 22 May 2018		
Madejski Stadium, Reading FC		
Whitgift School (Croydon SFA)	3	
Kepier School (Sunderland SFA)	2	
U14 Girls Schools Cup Final		
Sponsored By PlayStation		
Wednesday 23 May 2018		
Madejski Stadium, Reading FC		
Durham Johnston School (Bishop Auckland SFA)	3	
Blenheim High School (Kingston SFA)	4	
U15 Inter Association Trophy Final		
Sponsored By PlayStation		
Wednesday 16 May 2018		
Bet 365 Stadium, Stoke City FC		
Aldershot & Farnborough SFA (Hampshire SFA)	3	
Hambleton & Richmond SFA (North Yorkshire CSFA)	0	

U15 Boys Schools Cup Final		
Sponsored By PlayStation		
Tuesday 22 May 2018		
Madejski Stadium, Reading FC		
St Francis Xavier's College (Liverpool SFA)	5	
Finchley Catholic High School (Barnet SFA)	1	
U15 Boys Small Schools Cup Final		
Sponsored By PlayStation		
Wednesday 23 May 2018		
Madejski Stadium, Reading FC		
Newcastle School for Boys (Newcastle Upon Tyne SFA)	3	
St Bernard's Catholic Grammar School (Slough SFA)	1	
U15 Boys Elite Schools Cup Final		
Sponsored By PlayStation		
Wednesday 23 May 2018		
Madejski Stadium, Reading FC		
Thomas Telford School (Telford & Wrekin SFA)	2	3 (p)
Carshalton Boys Sports College (Sutton SFA)	2	4 (p)
U15 Boys Schools Cup for B Teams Final		
Sponsored By PlayStation		
Friday 11 May 2018		
Bet365 Stadium, Stoke City FC		
Thomas Telford School (Telford & Wrekin SFA)	2	
Hampton School (Richmond SFA)	1	
U15 Girls Schools Cup Final		
Sponsored By PlayStation		
Monday 21 May 2018		
Madejski Stadium, Reading FC		
Bottisham Village College (Cambridge & District SFA)	1	
Sutton Park School (Sutton SFA)	4	
U16 Inter County Boys Trophy Final		
Friday 11 May 2018		
Bet365 Stadium, Stoke City FC		
Hampshire CSFA	1	
Nottinghamshire CSFA	0	
U16 Inter County Girls Trophy Final		
Saturday 12 May 2018		
Bet365 Stadium, Stoke City FC		
Essex CSFA	0	
Lancashire CSFA	1	

U16 Boys Schools Cup Final	
Sponsored By The Premier League	
Thursday 10 May 2018	
Bet365 Stadium, Stoke City FC	
Caldy Grange Grammar School (Wirral SFA)	4
Whitgift School (Croydon SFA)	1
U16 Boys Small Schools Cup Final	
Sponsored By The Premier League	
Thursday 10 May 2018	
Bet365 Stadium, Stoke City FC	
The Kibworth School (South Leicestershire SFA)	2
The De La Salle School (Liverpool SFA)	1
U16 Boys Elite Schools Cup Final	
Sponsored By The Premier League	
Thursday 10 May 2018	
Bet365 Stadium, Stoke City FC	
Sandwell Academy (Sandwell SFA)	3
Ravens Wood School (Bromley SFA)	0
U16 Girls Schools Cup Final	
Sponsored By The Premier League	
Thursday 10 May 2018	
Bet365 Stadium, Stoke City FC	
St Ivo School (Huntingdon SFA)	6
Cramlington Learning Village (South Northumberland SFA)	0
U18 Boys Elite Schools & Colleges Trophy Final	
Friday 11 May 2018	
Bet365 Stadium, Stoke City FC	
Brooksby Melton College (North Leicestershire SFA)	2
Shenfield High School (Chelmsford & Mid Essex SFA)	1
U18 Boys Inter County Trophy Final	
Saturday 12 May 2018	
Bet365 Stadium, Stoke City FC	
Essex CSFA	2
Humberside CSFA	1
U18 Girls Schools Trophy Final	
Thursday 8 March 2018	
Meadow Lane, Notts County FC	
Barking Abbey School (Barking & Dagenham SFA)	3
Thomas Telford School (Telford & Wrekin SFA)	0
U18 Boys Schools Trophy Final	
Sunday 6 May 2018	
The Keepmoat Stadium, Doncaster Rovers FC	
Repton School (Derby & District SFA)	2
Millfield School (Mid Somerset SFA)	1

U18 Boys Schools Trophy for B Teams Final  
Monday 12 March 2018  
The Keepmoat Stadium, Doncaster Rovers FC  
Glyn School (Sutton SFA) 1  
Thomas Telford School (Telford & Wrekin SFA) 2

U18 Boys Colleges Trophy Final  
Monday 19 March 2018  
Ewood Park, Blackburn Rovers FC  
Newcastle Under Lyme College (Newcastle Under Lyme SFA) 2  
St Charles VI Form College (West London SFA) 3

U18 Girls Colleges Trophy Final  
Thursday 8 March 2018  
Meadow Lane, Notts County FC  
Solihull College (Solihull SFA) 2  
South Gloucestershire & Stroud College (Bristol & South Gloucestershire SFA) 3

ESFA / NDCSA Senior Boys 5-a-side Cup  
Tuesday 6 February 2018  
Powerleague, Derby  
Royal School for the Deaf, Derby 1  
Braidwood School "A" 2

ESFA / NDCSA Junior Boys 5-a-side Cup  
Tuesday 6 February 2018  
Powerleague, Derby  
Royal School for the Deaf, Derby 'B' 0  
Royal School for the Deaf, Derby 'A' 2

ESFA / NDCSA Girls 5-a-side Cup  
Tuesday 6 February 2018  
Powerleague, Derby  
Braidwood School 1  
Royal School for the Deaf, Derby 'A' 3

### **SAFIB UNDER 18 CENTENARY SHIELD RESULTS 2018**

Wales 2-1 Republic of Ireland  
Thursday 15 February 2018  
Cefn Druids FC

Scotland 0-0 Northern Ireland  
Friday 9 March 2018  
Greenock Morton FC

Northern Ireland 1-1 Wales  
Thursday 15 March 2018  
Queens University, Belfast

England 0-0 Republic of Ireland  
Friday 16 March 2018  
Luton Town FC

England 0-2 Scotland  
Friday 23 March 2018  
York City FC

Wales 1-0 England,  
Thursday 29 March 2018  
Cardiff Met University

Republic of Ireland 0-0 Northern Ireland  
Thursday 29 March 2018  
Monaghan United FC

Northern Ireland 3-1 England  
Friday 6 April 2018  
Queens University, Belfast

Republic of Ireland 3-1 Scotland  
Thursday 12 April 2018  
Home Farm FC

Scotland 2-3 Wales  
Thursday 19 April 2018  
Queen of the South FC