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Exam Season Kicks Off with a Big Match

It's the fixture of the season at The Walker's Stadium for all young people unsure what to do next following their exam results. 'The Big Match' kicks off on Wednesday, 5th September at 2pm and is organised by the Learning and Skills Council Leicestershire, Connexions Leicester Shire, Leicester City Council and Leicestershire County Council.

Young people aged 16 to 19 years whom have yet to receive a firm offer of learning or training, or who need some help to get ready for employment will get the chance at the Big Match to meet with organisations including training providers, colleges and sixth-form schools to find out what opportunities are open to them.

Mary Rogers, Area Director, Learning and Skills Council, explains: "We've organised over 50 organisations from across Leicestershire to come together to offer help, advice and details of real opportunities to young people looking to make their next move, whether in education or training, or preparing for employment.

"Young people will be able to find out more about opportunities in fields as diverse as hairdressing and construction, working in a shop, bar or leisure centre or taking the route through into higher education."

Rosemary Beard, Chief Executive, Connexions Leicester Shire adds her support: "This can be a very confusing and challenging time for young people. They may not have achieved the results they'd hoped for, or they may just not be aware of the multitude of pathways that they can take.

"The Big Match brings together all the available options under one roof so that they can get a real flavour of the breadth of opportunities. We hope this event will help them to make up their mind about what to do next."

The Big Match is a free event open to all young people and their parents and carers. It starts at 2pm and runs continuously through to 7pm. Further information about the Big Match can be found on: www.connexions-leics.org and details of learning opportunities across the county are listed on the Leicestershire on-line prospectus: www.coursefinder-leics.org.

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