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Big Match Kicks Off Results Season in Style

It's the fixture of the season at The Walkers Stadium for all young people without an offer of a learning place for September 2008. Building on the success of last year's event 'The Big Match 2008' kicks off on Wednesday, 3rd September at 2pm.

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

Mary Rogers, Area Director, Learning and Skills Council, explains: "Building on the success of last year's event which was attended by over 400 young people with the majority of young people being successful in securing a learning opportunity. We've organised over 46 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.

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 organised by the Learning and Skills Council Leicestershire, Connexions Leicester Shire, Leicester City Council and Leicestershire County Council and is open for young people and their parents/carers to drop in. It starts at 2pm and runs continuously through to 7pm and will take place at the Walkers Stadium. 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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