



West Buckland Preparatory School

Barnstaple, Devon EX32 OSX

WELL DONE GEORGE! SAY HIS FORMER TEACHERS AT WEST BUCKLAND SCHOOL

PRESS RELEASE

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Staff at West Buckland School near Barnstaple have offered their congratulations to former pupil and footballer George Friend after his recent premiership debut. George, 22, who was a pupil at West Buckland School until 2006, say they are delighted by his speedy rise through the ranks of football which saw him playing for Wolverhampton Wanderers against Manchester United at Old Trafford on 15th December.

“We have been watching George’s progress closely, and are thrilled to see him doing so well,” says Prep School Head Master, Andrew Moore. “George has shown that it is possible, with hard work and determination, to go far in your chosen profession. We are delighted by George’s success since leaving the school. He is a tremendously talented footballer, and a warm and friendly person, and we wish him all the very best in his career.

“George has kept in close contact with the school, and is also related through marriage to one of our staff. We were very pleased to welcome him on a visit to the school a short time ago, and we know that he is planning to strengthen these links with the school and that he intends to make another visit soon. When he was here, George held a Question and Answer session with some of the senior school pupils in his old house Fortesque, and he also spent some time with the pupils in the Prep School. The children found him inspiring and great fun, and they are very much looking forward to his next visit to the school.”

Notes for editors:

- **Pictures attached showing: 1. George Friend, with Sports Teacher Jeremy Huggins and pupils from West Buckland Prep School. 2. George Friend in action during the Wolves v Man United match, 3. George Friend and Wayne Rooney in the Wolves v Man United match.**
- West Buckland School is a co-educational independent day and boarding school, based near Barnstaple, offering high quality education to children from the ages of 3 - 18.
- The school was set up in 1858 and celebrated its 150th anniversary in 2008.
- For more information please contact West Buckland Preparatory School on 01598 760629 or see the school’s website www.westbuckland.devon.sch.uk

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