

Txt Drive sponsor Bedford Hockey Club's new U18's girls academy

Bedford driving school Txt Drive was this weekend unveiled as the new Bedford Hockey Club girls under 18's main sponsor in a match which they unfortunately lost against a strong Havering in the England Hockey Under 18's plate competition.



The academy is a new project for the club this year hoping to smooth the transition between junior and senior hockey at the club and attract more girls to play out of the school environment as well as speeding up the pathway for talented players to progress through the ladies team at the club up to the first team. Under 18's captain Maya Thrasher is one example of this pathway in action as she is already a key member of the first team squad.

Over 20 girls train on a weekly basis at Bedford as part of the squad which is overseen by BHC ladies 1s coach Steve Harvey with the sessions delivered by Luke Whatling, a prospective level 2 candidate, with the focus being on building up core skills and technical and tactical knowledge.

Chris Deverell, owner of Txt Drive said "It's great to be able to support the development of young hockey players at Bedford. I think the Txt Drive playing shirts look great and I wish all the girls the best with their hockey this season".

As part of the partnership Txt Drive has also become the official player sponsor to Ladies 1st team player Jenna Maclaren. Unfortunately 18 year old defender Jenna is not eligible to play for the u18's anymore but Chris has offered to help Jenna to learn to drive as she currently commutes to hockey training on public transport from Luton. Jenna is looking forward to getting behind the wheel "We are all grateful to Chris for supporting the younger players at the club and

I am looking forward to my driving lessons with him. Once I have passed my test it will be easier for me to attend training and fitness sessions and that in turn will take my game to the next level”

For more information about Txt Drive visit the website www.txt-drive.co.uk or follow Chris on twitter @TxtDrive , alternatively for more information about the BHC girls academy visit www.bedfordhockeyclub.com or ring Kate Costin on 07513 025712.