

“Moorland is a magnificent School”
YAYA TOURÉ 2020

The Moorland Family Welcomes Yaya Touré

Yaya Touré, a world class footballing superstar known throughout the world as one of the best players who has ever played the game. Yaya Touré has previously played for Barcelona and Manchester City FC alongside players such as Messi. During his career Yaya's accolades have included winning the Premier League three times, African Player of the Year four times, the African Cup of Nations and the Champions League.

Yaya has spent the entire week at Moorland School working with all of our children from the Junior School right through to our BTEC Level 3 post sixteen cohort of football players. However, Yaya Touré concentrated his coaching efforts on our Under 12's and 16's as this is the area in which he needed to gain the most experience having never coached these age groups had previously.

Yaya Touré was coaching the children alongside Moorland School's Academy Manager, Coach Jackson who is the current Manchester City Head Development Centre





YAYA'S ACHIEVEMENTS

4X AFRICAN FOOTBALLER
OF THE YEAR



4X AFRICAN CUP WINNER



3 X PREMIER
LEAGUE CHAMPION



1 X CHAMPIONS
LEAGUE WINNER



1 X FA CUP WINNER



3 X ENGLISH LEAGUE
CUP WINNER



2 X LA LIGA WINNER



1 X SPANISH
CUP WINNER



1 X SPANISH SUPER
CUP WINNER



1 X GREEK CHAMPION



1 X GREEK CUP WINNER



1 X FIFA CLUB WORLD
CUP WINNER



1 X UEFA SUPERCUP
WINNER



1 X CHARITY
SHIELD WINNER



Coach and Moorland School past pupil and Ex England and Manchester United star John Cofie.

Mr Harrison, Headteacher at Moorland School caught John Cofie's attention off the pitch and was seen with a smile on his face when he jokingly asked John, 'so what do you think?' John's reply was laughing and shaking his head highlighted his excitement, respect, admiration and the sheer gravitas of occasion, 'Oh sir, oh my days, you just don't know sir, he, he, he is a God to me. His talent is simply ridiculous and he is such a wonderful man. This is simply a dream'.

Coach Jackson walked across and added, 'Jonathan I don't think you realise what you have organised, Yaya Touré is literally the African Diego Maradona, he has quite literally

won everything and played against the very, very best.

What an honour to be working with this man. He has been fantastic with the kids, such a humbling experience.'

Yaya Touré coached the children with the same passion and enthusiasm within which he demonstrated on the pitch and shared with the students his experience, knowledge and expertise. The children asked Yaya many questions and he answered all of their questions warmly and engaged with all present. Yaya shared many personal experiences during his time as a professional player within his various clubs and this extended to other professional players, coaches and managers.

Yaya has truly provided our children with a once in a lifetime experience and many were heard saying he signed my shirt he touched me on my shoulder. Some children





DEVELOPING FOOTBALL TALENT OF THE FUTURE

were simply seen just looking bewildered and mesmerised by his sheer presence.

Yaya developed a lovely warm rapport with all of our students and completely impressed all of our coaching and teaching staff as he knew all of our children by name. Yaya's touch on the ball was simply magical and effortless and the Moorland footballers watched his technical abilities in complete awe.

Yaya brought many of his own experiences into the training drills with the children and he emulated and included many of Coach Jackson's highly technical and fast paced drills, some of which have been previously listed on the UEFA Training Ground website as being exemplar technical training drills. The children were seen laughing and joking with Yaya and their quickly developed a real trust and bond with the international superstar.

Yaya requested to speak to the children and staff at Moorland School on his final day of coaching and said to his excited audience "Moorland is a magnificent school; I am very grateful to share this wonderful experience with the children and coaches. It has been an amazing week at Moorland and I have had so much fun, hanging out with the kids, it's been brilliant and I've really enjoyed it. Charlie and John were really good with me. To be able to have this experience with the kids is really special, they've been really nice with me, I've just tried to share my experience as a footballer with them, that time was brilliant. I really appreciate it and I hope they appreciate it as well and I hope to be able to see them again soon."

Academy Manager, Coach Jackson added; 'I have known Yaya previously from his time as a professional player at Manchester City. I knew he was a great guy and that his attitude and ethos would be ideal to help develop the students here at the academy. Our training at Moorland School develops each player extensively on a technical level and as

individuals, whilst being able to give them the opportunity to meet their heroes, which creates true aspirational experiences, whilst providing drive, dedication, passion and confidence to strive towards achieving their own personal goals.'

Mr Harrison also spoke with a personal friend of Yaya Touré at the end of the week to thank him for the experience and he said 'I didn't truly understand or appreciate the gravitas of having Yaya Touré visit with us at Moorland School for the week. I now naturally realise what a huge internationally acclaimed football star that he is. However, for me the most impressive and humbling experience was in how genuinely warm, enthusiastic, caring, patient and unassuming Yaya Touré





was with the children, staff and visitors. He is truly an incredible human being both on and off the pitch and I hope that he will always consider our school as being his humble home amongst friends.'

Moorland School has achieved regional and national cup success on many occasions and they are the current Lancashire and ISFA National Champions of England. Moorland has been recognised by many as being the most prestigious footballing centre of excellence within the UK. Moorland School has seen three football players called up this week by their country for international duty.

Moorland School provides a first-class education within a safe and nurturing academic environment, where all children can achieve their true academic and social potentials in confidence. If your son or daughter have a passion for football or indeed any other unique programme of study such as ballet or academics then we believe that Clitheroe's only private school is the only real and sensible choice for both you and your child.

Please contact our Admissions Manager, Mr Carl Lightbown to arrange a socially distanced tour of our warm Moorland Family school.



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ISFA NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

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LANCASHIRE SCHOOLS CUP WINNERS

ESFA NATIONAL FINALISTS
LANCASHIRE SCHOOLS CUP FINALISTS

