

Langton Green Phoenix U17s: Team Identity

"You play football with your head and your legs are there to help you" - Johan Cruyff

Our Team Values:

Resilience: we never, ever, ever give up.

Pride: we aim to bring our best selves to every game and every practice.

Control: some teams will try to wind us up and get a reaction. We rise above it.

Unity: we look out for each other, work for each other and support each other.

Intelligence: what are our strengths? Our opponent's weaknesses? We think.

Fun: we take football seriously, but it should never stop being fun.

Our Playing Philosophy:

In possession:

We strive to play positive, intelligent, attacking football, where we are comfortable in possession and where we keep the ball well. <u>Space</u> is the key word - how we recognise it, create it and attack it through proactive movement, speed of play, communication and awareness.

Out of possession:

High effort levels without the ball are non-negotiable. <u>Space</u> is again the key word. We work with intensity to deny our opponent space and force them into areas of the pitch where they are least able to hurt us. We're organised, we communicate and we aim to recognise when to press as a team and when to drop off and defend deeper.

Always:

Communicate: reflect: learn: strive: contribute: lead: believe: enjoy: think

It's Your Team:

This is your team. The enjoyment you get out of it will be directly linked to the effort you put in. Let's enjoy a fantastic season.

"It's not the will to win, but the will to <u>prepare</u> to win that makes the difference" - Bear Bryant