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Footballer wins place at academy

A FOOTBALLER is hoping to score success after winning a place at a top academy.

Sixteen-year-old Ashley Civil's hopes of becoming a professional footballer have been boosted after he was picked to join the new FootballCV Academy, which opens its doors in September.

Ashley, from Hinckley, was chosen from hundreds of hopefuls for the academy, which is independently run.

It will be at Nene Park, in Northamptonshire, the home of Rushden and Diamonds Football Club.

The team will play a number of friendlies against Premiership and Football League opposition, in addition to daily training programmes.

Ashley, who is a winger, came through a series of trials before being picked.

He said: "It's a dream of mine to play for a Premiership side, just like my hero, Cristiano Ronaldo. The academy is a great opportunity.

"I'm looking forward to starting training in September."

Follow Ashley's progress at:

www.footballcvacademy.com