

Chance for local youngsters to hone skills

# Want to bend it like Becks?

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THE search for the next David Beckham is on.

Former Braintree Town footballer Stephen Good has teamed up with Leyton Orient coach Lee Hughes to set up a coaching academy at the Discovery Centre at Great Notley Country Park.

Children, aged six to 16, will be able to learn new skills and develop as a player, and coaches will work with Leyton Orient to place youngsters into professional clubs.

Mr Good said: "We are not saying they will all play full-time football in the Premier League, but we will do what we can to provide a stepping stone to fulfil their ambition.

"For those unable to step up to that pinnacle of the Premier League we will aim to assist them step as high up the footballing ladder as possible.

"We aim to do this by giving the youngsters who attend exposure at full and part-time football clubs in the surrounding area.



● COACHING SCHOOL – the Discovery Centre.

"This coaching will not interfere with the clubs they are currently playing for, this will just help in improving players technically, which they will be able to take back to their current clubs when they are playing games."

As well as the training, Mr Good says the academy will organise games against academy teams from professional clubs.

The academy will run on Tuesday and Friday evenings.

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● HERO – David Beckham.