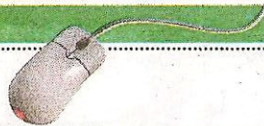


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Dean, 12, trials for England

GIRLS FOOTBALL

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UXBRIDGE High School footballer Rianna Dean is already closing in on an England Ladies U15s spot at the age of just 12.

The Arsenal Ladies' player attended the Southern Region Elite Performance Camp for U15s girls – effectively an England trial – last

weekend and is waiting to hear if she has been successful.

But as she is not yet 13 years of age, there will be plenty more opportunities for Dean to achieve England Ladies youth honours in the future if she does not make it.

Dean, who is a year eight pupil at Uxbridge High, earned a shot at the trials after impressing for Arsenal Ladies this year.

Kate Gould, curriculum leader for girls' PE at Uxbridge High, said "Rianna is a dream student who excels

in every sport she applies herself to. She was an integral part of our netball team, fastest four-lap runner in West London Sportshall, a member of the rounders team and scored countless goals for the girls' Futsal team.

"I am not surprised she is already reaching such heights in her promising football career at such a young age, and I am confident we will see her in an England shirt in the near future."

Dean is one of over 50 Uxbridge High School students who spent

two days of their summer holiday undergoing intensive sports training during their annual Summer Sports Camp.

This involved football sessions under the guidance of Watford FC coaches, along with netball, rugby and basketball coaching.

■ **INTERNATIONAL HOPEFUL:** Rianna Dean practises

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