

Spanish Success

Newcastle United full back Javier Manquillo and his brother Victor, who plays for Ashington AFC, were in school to be grilled by a panel of Kingsmeadow's Football Academy students.

Mr Ridley, who organised the event, said: "The purpose of the event was to encourage students to speak Spanish in a real life situation."

Javier and Victor were very supportive of the students and collaborated with them to help them to improve their speaking of the Spanish language.

The students asked them 60 questions and were very engaged throughout the question and answer. The pupils were thrilled to meet such an iconic footballer. The questions were asked in a mix of Spanish and English.

The Spaniards spent a lot of time afterwards posing for photos with the students of the Academy. They also gave autographs, which the students were very grateful for. There was a very polite and respectful attitude shown from both sides.

One of the questions asked to Javier was 'Do you prefer Newcastle United or Sunderland?'

Javier replied with: "Newcastle United, as they are a bigger club with a better manager who has helped him to progress as a player. Also, the atmosphere that the fans produce is amazing; home or away, they turn up in numbers to get behind me and the team."

On the subject of male footballers being paid more than females, he answered: "It must be equal."

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