

A First for Royal Wootton Bassett Academy's Basketball Team

Players help launch a new sports facility in the town.

Students from Royal Wootton Bassett Academy were the first to play basketball on a brand-new sports court which is now open to all.

The public facility on Showfield Park, next to the outdoor gym, was declared officially open by the town's mayor at a plaque unveiling and ribbon cutting ceremony yesterday (15/10).



Students from the school's basketball team were invited along to be the first to try out the new court.

Anita Ellis, Headteacher from Royal Wootton Bassett Academy, said: "This is a great thing for the school and the community which we are very much a part of.

"It's fantastic that the town council has been able to fund this, which will benefit all.

"Our students aren't always able to access the school and its facilities during summer and other school holidays, so it's great for them to have somewhere to go outside of school times.

"It also helps with their fitness – just being able to get out and play together is so important for their physical and mental health."



Royal Wootton Bassett Academy's Team first game on the new court

Thebe Blackie, also known as Coach T, coaches the students at the school. He said: “This is great for the sport of basketball, which is growing in popularity, and for the students who now can practice their game more.

“The sport also teaches players so much more. It’s about teamwork and managing resilience in themselves.

“I am a former student at the academy and we never had this – this is mind blowing, so good to see for today’s students.”



Coach T

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