

Hibs' youngster Kane O'Connor joins Brentford



Hibs' Academy graduate Kane O'Connor has joined English Championship side Brentford, with his contract at Easter Road having expired at the end of the season.

The 18-year-old centre-back, who has featured for the Development Squad, moves with the best wishes of everyone at the club.

Head of Football Operations, George Craig said: "We're pleased that Kane has secured a contract for next season and we wish him the best of luck with Brentford, as we do with every young player who will move on from Hibernian this summer.

"There is a clear pathway for our Academy players to the first team but it is a fact of life in football that, along the way, some difficult decisions need to be made and we thought it was best for Kane to pursue options elsewhere.

"With that in mind, we allowed Kane to accept offers to train with a handful of clubs in recent weeks to accelerate the process of finding a new club. We are happy that has led to a successful outcome for Kane, at a club who are renowned for doing things the right way and who were a pleasure to deal with.

"We retain an interest in Kane's football future and we will continue to work with the other young players leaving Hibernian to ensure they stay in the game at an appropriate level for them and build on the excellent grounding they have had at the Hibernian Training Centre."