

Wycombe Wanderers are devastated to learn of the tragic death of 17-year-old season ticket holder Adam Ankers, who was taken ill last week whilst playing for Wycombe Wanderers Foundation's Under-19s team in partnership with Henley College, and passed away in hospital on Monday.



Adam was a student at the college, an aspiring footballer, and an avid supporter of the Chairboys, attending each home game on the terrace with his dad, brother and sister.

Speaking on behalf of everyone at the club, First-Team Manager Matt Bloomfield said: "I was deeply shocked to hear the news that Adam was taken ill last week while playing the game he loves, and he has been in our thoughts since as we hoped and prayed for his recovery.

"We are all extremely saddened to learn that he wasn't able to pull through and our deepest condolences are with his friends, team-mates and family at this awful time."

Mark Gaitskell, Chief Executive of Wycombe Wanderers Foundation, said: "This has been an extremely distressing time for everyone involved with the Foundation as we mourn the tragic death of a talented, popular and much-loved young man.

"The news that he had passed away on Monday has hit everybody hard and we are collecting our thoughts about how, in due course, we can best pay tribute to Adam and create a legacy in his name.

"For now, we send our love, warmth and deepest condolences to his family and friends, and offer the full support of everyone at Wycombe Wanderers with anything we can do to be of help, or comfort at this incredibly difficult time."

The Chairboys are planning to pay tribute to Adam at a forthcoming home fixture; further details will be made available soon.

Rest in eternal peace, Adam.