Play On News 6th January 2009

O2 Pathfinder Recruitment
781 O2 Pathfinders are now in place as we work towards our target which is essential for the network to be fully effective.
*includes some 6th Form Colleges

	target	achieved	%	number CRB	% CRB
club	400	290	72.5	146	50.3
university	114	74	64.9	10	13.5
college	66	117	177.3	114	97.4
school	800	303	37.9	300	99.0
Total	1380	784	56.8	570	72.7

Pathfinder Video
O2 Pathfinders from the London South Region recently had the chance to attend an England training session at Penny Hill Park where players and O2 Pathfinders were filmed and interviewed for the new video "Being an O2 Pathfinder" This will be shown at the O2 Pathfinder network meetings which will be happening in January and February. (Elliot Blackmore – University of Greenwich, Leon Hogan – St Peters School, Ollie Smith – Godalming College, Anthony Shenton – Dorking RFC)

Resources
All O2 Pathfinders should now have received their O2 Pathfinder personal organiser and O2 mobile phone discount card. In addition all O2 Pathfinders who have been CRB cleared should now have received their polo shirt and business cards.
If you have not received these items, please contact playon@therfu.com

Pathfinder Network Meetings
Rugby Development Officers are organising O2 Pathfinder meetings around the country. These will give a chance to share ideas and to collect additional resources. The meetings will be used to hand out new editions of the O2 Pathfinder guide, your copy of the video, some pre paid envelopes, additional player details forms as well as hooded tops. We are only able to give out these resources to people who have been CRB checked, so if you haven't done this yet, please send your forms in to Twickenham as soon as possible.

Playing Opportunities
Local and regional events are vital to promote Play On. Through the RFU Tournaments and Competitions department and local organisers, there are 187 additional teams registered for local merit tables on the RFU web site RugbyFirst.

Competitions and events are a great way to promote the web site www.playonrugby.com so that players can use the web site to search for a new team / club via the O2 Pathfinders.

Students
Investec resources proved very successful at Freshers Fairs and through the Higher Education Rugby Development Programme, 25 new teams have been created, a mixture of make and female teams that are playing in competitions ranging from club merit tables to the BUCS championships.