

HELLO FROM DESMOND THE DRAGON



Hello! I'm Desmond the Dragon – Dale's mischievous mascot. Although I am a dragon, don't worry, there will be no fire breathing in sight – I'm one of the friendliest dragons you'll ever meet!

You'll find me around the ground on a matchday or inside Desmond's Den.

Desmond's Den is my most favourite place to hang out, and you're invited!

Named after me, you'll find Desmond's Den in Our Spot Community Hub, which is located inside the Smith Metals Family Stand. There's always plenty going on - come along and take part in our junior activities or play FIFA on our PS4s. I hope you can join me!

I absolutely love meeting all of my fellow Rochdale-supporting friends and posing for photos or giving high-fives. Whether you're a regular attender or coming to the game for the very first time, don't be shy, come and say hello!

I always love seeing the photos we have taken together, so if you have your photo taken with me, it would be great if you could share them with the club's official social media accounts.

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See you soon!

YOUR FRIEND, DESMOND THE DRAGON



DESMOND'S GUIDE TO THE MATCH

DALE WEAR A BLUE AND BLACK STRIPED TOP WHEN PLAYING AT HOME, USUALLY WITH WHITE SHORTS AND WHITE SOCKS

EACH MATCH LASTS FOR 90 MINUTES, WHICH IS SPLIT INTO TWO HALVES OF 45 MINUTES. BETWEEN EACH HALF, THE PLAYERS HAVE A 15 MINUTE BREAK. THIS IS CALLED HALF-TIME

ROCHDALE'S NICKNAME IS THE DALE!

DALE PLAY THEIR HOME GAMES AT THE CROWN OIL ARENA

WHEN THE PLAYERS COME BACK OUT ONTO THE PITCH AFTER THEIR 15 MINUTE BREAK, THEY SWAP ENDS

ALL THE PLAYERS HAVE THEIR OWN NAME AND SQUAD NUMBER ON THE BACK OF THEIR SHIRT

EACH TEAM HAS 11 PLAYERS, WITH SEVEN ON THE SUBSTITUTES BENCH. EACH TEAM CAN MAKE UP TO THREE SUBSTITUTIONS IN A GAME



Desmond's DEN

Desmond's Den is a really cool place to hang out on matchdays for families and junior supporters.

It opens an hour before kick-off at every home game, and there's always plenty going on!

Youngsters can take part in our entertaining junior workshops or play FIFA on our PS4s.

You might even meet Desmond himself!

If you meet our friendly mascot, make sure you say hello and give him a high-five. You can even ask him for a photo.

Desmond's Den is located inside the Smith Metals Family Stand's Our Spot Community Hub. You can access Our Spot via the Smith Metals Family Stand turnstiles, open from 2pm.

