

Racer Will makes it a family affair

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Will Palmer

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WILL PALMER is set to follow in the footsteps of dad Jonathan and brother Jolyon when he makes his full motorsport debut this year.

Former F1 ace Jonathan and Will's elder brother Jolyon - currently gearing up for his second season in GP2, have carved out careers in the sport, and 15-year-old Will looks set to do the same as he embarks on his first year in the Ginetta Junior Championship.

The Ginetta Junior Championship is the UK's top junior series for drivers aged between 14 and 17 and uses identical 100bhp sports cars that can reach speeds of up to 120mph. Taking place over 20 rounds, it races alongside the popular British Touring Car Championship at top UK circuits up and down the country, attracting large crowds and live television coverage.

The West Sussex youngster only started racing last year having debuted in the junior series last August.

Will, from near Southwater, knows he's going to have to work hard to achieve his goal of a top six finish, but is pleased to have the experience of his father and brother to call upon. "They've both been brilliant and really supportive and of course we always chat motorsport when together at home."

Alongside his racing this year, William will also have to maintain his studies at Cranleigh School where he's working towards his GCSEs, something he admits must not be compromised. "Getting good GCSE results is of course really important and I need to make sure my racing is not too much of a distraction or my parents and teachers won't be too happy! Anyway I'm confident I can combine the two OK and now I just can't wait for the season to start."