

Palmer is relishing F4 chance

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WILL PALMER is excited about the prospect of racing in Formula Four this year.

The Sussex teenager has confirmed he will compete in this year's BRDC F4 Championship with HHC Motorsport.

Palmer, 16, from Southwater, raced for the same team in last season's Ginetta Junior Championship when he secured ten podium finishes including a maiden victory at Rockingham in October.

He then made his single seater debut in the F4 Winter Championship in November, impressing with a commanding win from pole position at Brands Hatch in just his fifth race at that level, as well as securing another podium finish at Snetterton on his way to fifth overall in the championship.

Palmer comes from a strong racing background as his father Jonathan raced in Formula One while brother Jolyon is currently a frontrunner in GP2 with aspirations of making a step up to the highest level in the sport.

Young sibling Will told The Argus in December his long-term goal was to race in Formula One and stepping up to Formula Four is a natural progression towards that goal.

He said: "I'm really excited to be moving into Formula Four next year with HHC Motorsport.

"Formula Four was the obvious choice for me, especially after how competitive the series proved to be in its first year.

"I'm also really pleased to be continuing with HHC for what will be my third year driving for them. They are a great group of guys and we proved we could be very strong together in the Formula 4 Winter Championship last year.

"Hopefully we can build on that and be challenging for podiums and a win or two. It's going to be a very competitive season with many strong and experienced drivers."

The 2014 BRDC F4 Championship gets under way at Silverstone on April 26-27.