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# FOOTBALL ACADEMY



Any person aged 16-18 interested in applying for the Football Development Programme should send an email of interest to  
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## Introduction to the Football Development Programme

We offer an exciting elite football and education programme in partnership with Stocksbridge Park Steels FC and Worsbrough Bridge FC. The programme offers talented male and female students aged 16 to 18 the chance to access outstanding academic and football education in one unique package.

The programme is open to students who are able to prove that they have the potential to play at an elite or high level and have the desire to develop a career

within the football industry, either as a player, a coach or in one of the many associated fields within sport. This programme is also suitable for those wanting to pursue a scholarship in the USA.

## Aim

The Football Development Programme will combine education, coaching and life skills, giving student athletes the best opportunity to succeed. Coaching and education will be delivered by Performance and Athlete Development Co-Ordinator Luke Forgione, UEFA licensed coaches, a specialised sports science support team and an outstanding teaching team.



# OUR FACILITIES

Our Academy players have access to top class facilities in the Barnsley Sports Academy, supporting players to perform at elite level.

## State of the art facilities include:

- 3G full size pitch
- Fitness studio
- Two gyms
- Video analysis
- Structured training schedule
- Match analysis
- Sports Therapy
- Strength and conditioning facilities
- Two grass pitches and sports massage suite



## COACHING TEAM



**Luke Forgione**  
Sport Performance and  
Athlete Coordinator and  
Coach



**Izzy Bentley**  
Sports Therapist



**Kalam Neale**  
Coach



**Andy Hawksworth**  
Strength and  
Conditioning Coach



**Rikki Paylor**  
Female Coach

# SUCCESS STORIES

## Students' pride at representing English Colleges Football Association



**Barnsley College students Ellie Hawcroft and Betty Cheetham have secured a place in the English Colleges Football Association national squad.**

Ellie, a midfielder who plays for Sheffield Football Club and Barnsley Sports Academy, has secured a scholarship in America after impressing coaches at a PASS4Soccer showcase, which arranges soccer scholarships in USA universities for players from the UK, Europe and around the world.

Betty, a striker who plays for Barnsley Ladies Football Club and Barnsley Sports Academy, will train at St George's Park, the English Football Association's National Football Centre and will have the opportunity to gain experience of playing at a higher level by representing the College in nationally recognised competitions.

## Tom nets American scholarship

**Barnsley College Sport student Tom Toulson has scored a scholarship with William Carey Crusaders Men's Soccer in Mississippi, USA.**



The midfielder secured the scholarship after impressing coaches at a PASS4Soccer showcase, which arranges soccer scholarships in USA universities for players

from the UK, Europe and around the world. The 18-year-old was picked after becoming a regular starter for Barnsley Sports Academy's male football team and captained the team to silverware.

Tom, of Doncaster Road, said: *"The support I have received from the College has really helped me to pursue my goals in football and education. College arranged a talk from PASS4Soccer who provided advice and guidance on soccer scholarships and universities in America. I'm getting the opportunity to play professional football whilst studying a degree and that's all thanks to the College."*

## Jordan scores professional contract

**Barnsley College student Jordan Barnett has signed a contract with League One outfit Barnsley Football Club.**

The left back secured the contract after impressing coaches at the Yorkshire Club. The 18-year-old defender was picked up by Barnsley scouts after becoming a regular starter for Barnsley Sports Academy's male football team.

# ALUMNI



**Marc Roberts Birmingham City FC defender and former Football Academy student. Marc said:** *"I enjoyed the interaction with coaching staff. They were a big part of my decision to study at Barnsley College as they sold it to me at an open day. My time at College was important and I developed most as a footballer during those years. I went to university after College so I emphasise the importance of education to students, even for those who want to pursue a sporting career."*

*"I am really impressed by the world class sports facilities and I would fully recommend the College to anyone."*



**Beth England Chelsea FC midfielder and former Football Academy student. Beth said:** *"I loved my time at Barnsley Sixth Form and playing on the College's football team has given me some of the best experiences of my life. My tutors were great and would allow me the flexibility to study around my commitments as a footballer. It's a really great place to learn and the staff are really supportive."*

*"I feel it's really important to share the importance of education to the next cohort of players. It's vital to get the qualifications and to take the amazing opportunities that the College offers."*

## Coaching Alumni

**Paul Heckingbottom** – Former Barnsley FC and Leeds United FC Manager  
**Dave Penney** – York City FC Sporting Director  
**Amy Turner** – Manchester United FC First Team Player  
**Nathan Winder** – Former Barnsley FC First Team Sport Scientist  
**Tom Harban** – Barnsley FC Under 18 Coach  
**Andrew Langford** - Strength and Conditioning British Basketball Coach

# THE PROGRAMME

Students will undertake a nationally recognised qualification in the Sport, Public Services and Travel and Tourism department at Barnsley College, rated Outstanding by Ofsted.

Students will study a Level 2 Diploma in Sport or Level 3 Diploma in Sport (dependent on GCSE profile), with potential Functional Skills or GCSE resit in English and/or maths if necessary plus additional coaching awards.



Students will also undertake 10-12 hours of football training per week with emphasis on:

- Technical and Tactical Practice
- Strength and Conditioning
- Sports Science Support – Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation, Psychological and Nutritional guidance
- Performance Analysis

Fixtures will take place in the English Colleges FA (ECFA) Premier League, English Schools FA Cup and international competitions. In addition, regular fixtures against other professional academies to showcase student athlete progress will take place.

## OPPORTUNITIES

As part of the Football Development Programme, student athletes will have the fantastic opportunity to train and play at semi professional level, and to trial to represent FA England Colleges. You may also be invited to trial at other professional clubs.

### Partner statements

Chris Hilton, First Team Manager at Stocksbridge Park Steels FC, said: “We are really pleased to partner with Barnsley College. The partnership will allow us to scout possible players but also to access

students who would like to gain relevant experience in the field, enabling us to offer more. The partnership is mutually beneficial to both parties and we are excited and look forward to working together over the coming years.”

Peter Schofield, Worsbrough Bridge Football Club Chairman, said: “We are delighted to have partnered with Barnsley College. The College is well known for its education and football pedigree. We look forward to working in partnership.”

# PROGRESSION

- Career
- Higher Education
- USA Scholarships

- Professional Football
- Semi Professional Football

- Additional Qualifications
- Work Experience
- Pastoral Support
- Academic Studies

- Professional Technical and Tactical Coaching
- Strength and Conditioning
- Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation
- Performance Analysis
- Excellent Competition Structure

- Combined Education and Football Performance Programme

