

Course Overview

The 'Football Coaching & Education Academy' is a unique Full Time Education course for Post 16 Students who have a desire to progress to a playing, coaching or development role in the Sports/Football Industry.

The Football Coaching & Education Academy is offering 16-18 year olds (Post 16 Students) the opportunity to enrol on a full time course of study that will provide both the theoretical and practical background, academic qualification, specialist professional training and unique job placement opportunities with some of the leading recruiters of coaches in Northern Ireland, USA and Asia.



The course is for both Male & Female Post 16 Stduents who have a passion and a desire to progress their playing, coaching & sporting careers, to advance onto higher education or develop a career in the Sports/Football industry. Ideally, the candidate will have a strong playing and/or coaching background and be actively involved in sport in either a playing/developing/coaching role.

Qualifying Criteria

- Candidates must have a minimum of 5 GCSE (Grade C or above including English & Maths)
- A practical and personal interview may also form part of the selection process
- Reference from current Football Club or Sporting Organisation

Course Outline

Qualification

BTEC LEVEL 3 EXTENDED NATIONAL DIPLOMA IN SPORT STUDIES (168 UCAS Points) Equivalent to 3 A Levels

Students will also get the opportunities to attain a range of other sports/football related qualifications such as Irish FA Level 1 Coaching Badge









Player Development Element

Participants will receive expert/specialist coaching from UEFA 'PRO' and 'A' Licence Coaches on a daily basis throughout the year. This coaching is based on what Academy Players would receive at a Professional Club. This Full Time training programme will aid the players acceleration to Senior/First Team Football and prepare and equip them with the necessary attributes to avail of USA based scholarship opportunities which will be available to all players on completion of the course.

Strength & Conditioning

Participants will be put on a bespoke Strength & Conditioning programme designed by and overseen by our Sports Scientists. Participants will also have full use of the excellent gym and conditioning facilities at our venues..

Specialist Goalkeeper Training

Goalkeepers on this course will receive daily specialist training with our Goalkeeping Partner-NIGK. The GK Coaches on this course have many years' experience working at the top level in Northern Ireland with International Goalkeepers.

Coach Development Element

This course will also prepare the students with the necessary qualifications and experience to pursue a career in coaching. Specialist Tutors will educate and mentor the students and engage them in a process of learning and work based coaching opportunities within Primary Schools, Local Clubs and Commercial Sports/Football Companies. In the second year of the course all students will get the opportunity to avail of Job Opportunities in the USA and Asia.

Regional Centres/School Partners

Our Regional centres available to candidates are based at the following



EAST BELFAST/HANWOOD CENTRE

in partnership with BREDA ACADEMY





WEST BELFAST/LISBURN

Brook Activity Centre in partnership with ST COLMS HIGH SCHOOL





LISBURN/GREATER BELFAST

in partnership with LAURELHILL COMMUNITY COLLEGE



Our Regional Centres provide some of the best facilities in Northern Ireland with our School Partners providing all the Educational and Pastoral Support required to develop the player and the person.















Learning & Playing Experiences

Regular matches against other schools/colleges/representative teams

Visits to play against other UK based Academy teams

Good Practice visits to Professional/International/ Football Coaching Organisations

Visits from Football Industry Experts



European Training Camps



PRO Academy Visits



UEFA 'PRO' Traininig

Progression Routes

EDUCATION MEETS ASPIRATION

Higher Education

Students will attain the necessary qualifications to gain entry to all of the major Northern Ireland and UK Universities. It would hope that graduating students would progress to the many Football based University Degree Courses now available at University of Ulster or at UCFB based at Wembley, Eithad Campus or Burnley













Coaching Opportunities

This course will provide the students with a range of Football coaching qualifications.

Students will also be provided with the opportunity to avail of life changing work placements in the U.S.A.



Playing Opportunities

Playing Opportunities - FMC have had a great with success with many of our students going on to sign Professional contracts with clubs in Northern Ireland and Scotland. We have also had a significant amount of students who have achieved Full Scholarship Opportunities based in the U.S.A.





Testimonies

The Full Time Football & Education course at the Hanwood Centre really helped me not only as a player but academically as well. It opened up the pathway for me to go and study and play full time in America. The main reason I joined the course at the Hanwood Centre was to get professional coaching on a regular basis. Along with what I was doing at my club (Glentoran F.C) this was equivalent to a Full Time Professional Footballer. But not only was I getting extra training but also the studying the BTEC qualification enabled me to get the grades to get into the Universities of my choice. I am now studying and playing in America which is absolutely amazing and I believe I am on my way to achieving my dream of becoming a Professional Footballer. Choosing the Full Time Football & Education Academy at the Hanwood Centre was the best decision I ever made helping me achieve my dream.

Jack Henderson: U.S.A Scholarship - William Carey University, Mississippi.

The Full Time Football & Education Academy was brilliant. It really gave me the passion to try to make it as a professional footballer. Going into an environment where we were training everyday made me realise this is what I wanted to do. The teachers and coaches were great and treated us like adults and young professionals and inspiring us to be the best we could be. The course got me the qualifications to get into the University of my choice, but more importantly was a great stepping stone for me to achieve my dream of making it as a Professional Footballer and signing for Glasgow Rangers F.C. I would recommend this course to any young player looking to get the qualifications and expert training to help you develop your career.

Megan Bell: Professional Footballer, Glasgow Rangers F.C & N.Ireland International

My two years on this course were absolutely brilliant. The training and coaching I received on this course was the best I would feel I would get anywhere in the country. As a Goalkeeper I noticed the physical aspects of my game improved due to the strength and conditioning work we did, but also my technical skills improved massively being involved in this Full-Time environment. It was always my ambition to go on to University and I was able to achieve this through the teaching and the qualification I received. I am now studying Sport & Exercise Science at UUJ and hope to go on a have a career in the Sports industry.

Ethan Carry - Studying at University of Ulster. Jordanstown - BSC Sport & Exercise Science

It was always my ambition to go to University and study Sport & Health. The FMC course enabled me to get the qualifications to gain entry into Stranmillis College (QUB). The FMC tutors and the coaches were brilliant with me and really helped me attain the necessary grades. I would recommend this course to any young person interested in a career in sports.

Lewis Parker: Queens University, Stranmillis - BA (Hons) Health, Leisure & Physical Activity





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