





Post-16 Sport Diploma Football Development Programme

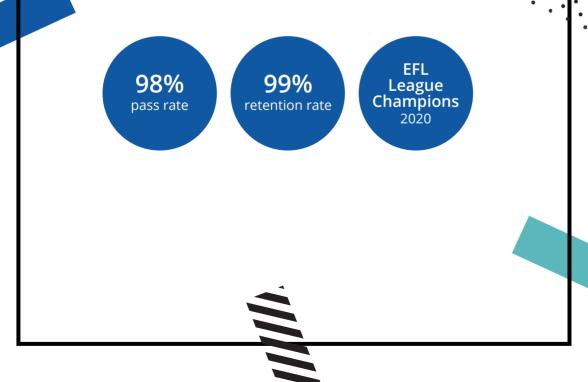
For students 16-18 years | Full-time football and education programme | Competitive fixture programme within the EFL college programme | Excellent academic results | Outstanding facilities with good transport links | Football Development Programme with Professional Coaching Staff | Proven progression opportunities







The Sport & Education Programme aims to provide like-minded and enthusiastic footballers across South Yorkshire the opportunity to continue their football development as well as their academic studies to pursue a career in sport.





FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT

Under the guidance of A license and B license qualified Sheffield Wednesday academy coaches, the students have a structured training programme and weekly fixtures against other Premier League and EFL clubs' equivalent squads. Players are supported with their development and progression into an environment deemed best-suited for their personal development at that moment in time, with several players in the current programme already making the step up into semi-professional football.

A comprehensive football development programme allows for individual and team development through a detailed football curriculum with sessions across the week, including goal-keeping specialist coaching sessions. Players on the programme will have the opportunity to represent Sheffield Wednesday Football Club against other professional clubs and local.









The Programme provides links to semi-professional football through our partnership with Stocksbridge Park Steels Football Club, who will monitor all players and provide invitations to those who showcase the required ability to trial and play alongside the 1st team.



OUR OBJECTIVES

- Provide a learning environment that uses the power of sport, football and Sheffield Wednesday FC as a tool for engaging delivery at every possible opportunity.
- Provide a high-quality football learning provision utilising top quality facilities to help create a competitive team which can compete in both league and cup competitions.
- Provide positive and professional role models who can use their experiences to support participants' personal progression.
- Provide a holistic personal development programme that underpins academic and football progression.
- Provide experiences and information linked to relevant football, academic and vocational exit routes with clear, proven and supported individual pathways in place.
- Provide environments that engage, inspire, challenge and develop at every opportunity.



FACILITIES

The programme will be run from top quality facilities at our Education Hub based at Hillsborough Stadium with state of the art classrooms and sports hall. Students also have the opportunity to train and play at top facilities including the Sheffield Wednesday FC training ground and Thorncliffe SGP 4G facility.



ACADEMIC PROGRESSION

Academic students completing the BTEC Level 3 programme will be encouraged to move into higher education at university and are fully supported with their UCAS and bursary support applications. To date, students from our Football & Education programmes have gone on to excel with further studies across a wide range of courses and universities throughout the UK. Students receiving a BTEC Level 3 qualification will gain membership to the Sport & Fitness industries professional bodies, highlighting the link to employment within this sector.

FOOTBALL PROGRESSION

Football Students who show the ability to progress within football, both locally and overseas, have a clear and proven support pathway to do so. Many students have already progressed into semi-professional football, had opportunities at professional clubs and gained overseas scholarships in the USA.

Students on the level 1 and 2 programmes can progress through the levels to achieve a level 3 qualification and then onto higher education.





THE EDUCATION

The education team have a passion for developing innovative programmes that use all aspects of the football club, from the players to the business, to inspire our students. We offer a wide range of programmes including:

- BTEC Level 1 Diploma in Sport
- NCFE Level 2 Sport Diploma
- BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Sport Sports Coaching and Development Performance & Excellence

All diplomas can be studied alongside the football development programme with clear education and employment pathways for all our students through comprehensive in-house education models and strong partnerships with local organisations. The course will be delivered over a one- or two-year period and will follow a carefully planned pathway of modules to provide them with a broad range of knowledge and experience whilst remaining linked to potential career pathways. Students will cover units such as Sports coaching, analysis of a sports performer, nutrition for physical performance and health, well-being and sport.

We will support and enhance all learning opportunities available in the Sheffield area and across South Yorkshire through an innovative and structured approach to education.

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

Students will be supported off the field by experienced and industry professionals who will provide a positive support network for the students.

Students are also supported by their Individual Learning Plans (ILP), which will focus on the learners needs and provide targets and goals to ensure they reach their full potential. The course will also compromise enrichment which supports the students with their development and learning in the following core areas;

> British Values Extremism awareness Radicalisation UCAS applications CV writing Mental health awareness Drug awareness



COACHING DEVELOPMENT

If you prefer to be stood at the side-lines, we offer a coaching development pathway within our Community Programme. Students can gain valuable work experience coaching alongside highly qualified coaches, within a variety of settings across the Community Programme and Academy, all of which will contribute to the development of skills and attributes required by a coach. The students will be given access to complete their coaching awards to ensure maximum employability within the sports sector.



MEET OUR STUDENTS



AARON RICHMOND

What were your expectations when you first joined?

Before getting to know the course I expected the workload and intensity to be a high and this was the case. However, as I developed my personal skillset I was able to balance this better and it made the course more relaxed. Also, I had expectations of developing my coaching gualifications such as FA Level 2 and developing my personal skills to make year 2 of the course more appropriate for me. This included things such as time management, organisation and building my confidence as a leader. But from the course itself, the induction week really helped me understand the needs and wants of the course which allowed me to become well equipped for the year ahead and I have enjoy the course.

What is your favourite part of the programme?

My favourite part of the programme is having a range of coaching opportunities to practice what I am learning in lesson and put it into action whilst on the field. Also having the chance to expand my knowledge of coaching by doing qualifications to help me become more employable and have greater subject specialisms.

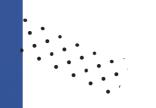
What are your next steps after the programme?

I want to complete the full honours degree (BSc) and build up my hours working within the community programme. This will allow me to build up my knowledge and experience levels which will help me towards my overall goal of achieving my UEFA B licence and coaching in an academy.

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HARRY

LANE





What were your expectations when you first joined?

To gain a quality education in sport and be able to play and develop my football abilities. I was recommended the SWFC Education programme from the SWFC Academy where I was originally based, and the Education programme have been flexible with my timetable.

What is your favourite part of the programme?

I enjoy playing the competitive fixtures on a Wednesday against other Professional Football Clubs, it gives me a chance to play lots of game time and space to improve my skills.

What are your next steps after the programme?

I am hoping to develop my football abilities support through Education to gain a professional football contract at a Professional Football Club. I would also like to have a career within elite football coaching if I cannot play professionally which SWFC Education programme have supported with by giving me the opportunity to complete an FA Level 1 qualification.



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