

POST 16 FOOTBALL & EDUCATION

INTRODUCTION BROCHURE





OVERVIEW

- ▶ The Football & Education Programme is a revolutionary course offering many benefits, including:
- ▶ Work towards a BTEC Level 2 or/and Level 3 Qualification
- ▶ Coached by professional UEFA B Walsall FC Foundation Coaches
- ▶ Represent Walsall FC and compete in the CEFA on a weekly basis
- ▶ Train, play and educated at the Pallet-Track Bescot Stadium
- ▶ The opportunity to gain work placements at a professional football club



ACADEMIC QUALIFICATION - BTEC LEVEL 2 IN SPORTS COACHING

**Opportunity for a qualification, equivalent to 3 or 4 GCSEs or 1
A-Level**

**Units include: Principles of fitness and fitness testing,
practical sport, training for personal fitness as mandatory
units.**

**Assessed through assignments across a one year course, with
the opportunity to be tutored and pass
English and/or Maths.**

PREREQUISITES TO APPLY

Studied GCSE P.E. (desirable)

Maths or English both Grade 4 and above (desirable)

Level 1 diploma in Sport and Active Leisure



ACADEMIC QUALIFICATION - BTEC LEVEL 3 IN SPORTS COACHING & DEVELOPMENT

Opportunity for a qualification, equivalent to 3 A-Levels

Units include: Sport coaching, careers in sport, self employment in sport & physical activity, developing coaching skills, sport development & health, wellbeing & sport

Assessed through assignments across a two year course, with the opportunity to be tutored and pass English and/or Maths.

PREREQUISITES TO APPLY

Minimum of 4 GCSEs at Grade 4 and above (including a maximum of 2 BTEC 1st Awards)

Maths and English at Grade 4 and above (desirable)

OR full BTEC Level 2 in Sport, achieving a minimum of merit



THE EFL COMMUNITY EDUCATION FOOTBALL ALLIANCE (CEFA) LEAGUE

Games are played on Wednesday in regionalised leagues playing teams in our league both home and away.

Our teams compete in the Central region, and play against clubs such as: Aston Villa, West Bromwich Albion, Wolverhampton Wanderers, and Birmingham City.

The league also run a National Cup, starting as a group stage, split between North and South. It is then opeed to a national draw and knockot competition, allowing the possibility of playing any other CEFA clubs, such as: Manchester City, Liverpool or Chelsea.





League
Football
Education

LEAGUE FOOTBALL EDUCATION (LFE)

In partnership with the EFL and EFL In The Community, League Football Education (LFE) offers 16-18 year old male and female learners the opportunity to study sport-related qualifications while representing their club at football.

Learners will take part in an Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) funded study programme, improving their knowledge of sport and applying this to the practical element of their programme to improve their technical, tactically and physical ability.

Upon completion of the course, learners can progress to University or full-time employment. LFE will work hard to provide a supportive environment to allow learners to thrive, although research has shown that positive input from parents/guardians is also vitally important.

Throughout the programme, every learner will face many challenges as they make the transition from full-time schooling to the demands of training and studying every day. This time will only come around once, so LFE encourages all learners to enjoy this experience and realise that it is essential to give 100% towards their training and education.



OUR FOOTBALL PROGRAMME

Students will train three times a week, on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, alongside the game on Wednesday. All sessions are delivered on site at the Pallet-Track Bescot Stadium, on our 4G AstroTurf and on site gym facility.

Monday's focus on the technical aspects of football and based around individual player needs, giving the coaches the opportunity to work on different aspects of their game.

Tuesdays will be a tactical session in preparation for the game on Wednesday. Focusing on what is required to organise our teams and give them the best opportunity to achieve a positive result.

Finally, Thursday is a recovery session and focus around strength and conditioning. Players will have the opportunity to lead small aspects of the session.

Our football programme is designed to give every player the experience of playing for a professional football club.



FURTHER OPPORTUNITIES

We offer students a wide range of additional opportunities, providing students an insight into working within a professional football club. We also offer valuable learning experiences to universities along with guest speakers to offer students knowledge of what they can do upon completion of the course with us.

WORK EXPERIENCE

During education with Walsall FC Foundation, students are required to complete a work experience placement. We can offer this, acting as a practical application towards their course content.

VOLUNTEERING AND PAID OPPORTUNITIES

Walsall FC Foundation can also support students in volunteering positions which can then lead to paid work. They can include coaching in our Development groups, refereeing across Foundation activities, and support in other areas, such as media or physiotherapy.

APPLY AND ENROL

Register your interest

Email marc.wilkes@walsallfcfoundation.co.uk or visit www.walsallfcfoundation.co.uk/sport/post16

Complete Expression of Interest Form

Submit the Form located on Walsall FC Foundation website

Attend Recruitment Events

Dates will be given out in advance following completion of the Form. These sessions allow you to get a feel of the programme

Attend Parent & Student Interview

Discuss why you want to do the course, the qualities you bring and your mock/predicted GCSE results

Receive Conditional Offer

Based upon your GCSE grades

Enrol Onto Course

Begin your journey with Walsall FC Foundation