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FOOTBALL EDUCATION PROGRAMME

2027 ENTRY PROSPECTUS

In partnership with



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The Chester FC Football Education Programme gives young people the opportunity to turn their passion for football into a pathway for their future.

As part of the Chester FC family, you'll learn, train and develop in an environment where ambition, hard work and high standards come as standard. With expert coaches, tutors and support from people working within the game, you'll be encouraged to grow in confidence, develop your skills and make the most of your potential - both on and off the pitch.

Whether you're aiming to progress in football, continue into university, or build a career in sport, our programme combines education, football development and real-world experience to help you take the next step.

Your journey starts here. Explore the prospectus, discover your pathway and take your next step with Chester FC.

Jim Green, CEO, Chester FC Community Trust



COURSE OVERVIEW

LEVEL 3 EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN SPORT DEVELOPMENT & COACHING (2 YEARS)

Equivalent to 3 A-Levels



Delivered by Access Sport College



100% coursework-based



Study modules including:



Coaching Skills



Careers in Sport



Anatomy & Physiology



Sports Psychology



Health & Wellbeing

CHOOSE YOUR PATHWAY



ELITE FOOTBALL SCHOLARSHIP

Train full-time in a professional environment designed to prepare talented young players for senior football, with a proven pathway to the Chester FC first team squad.



FOOTBALL & COACHING DEVELOPMENT

Turn your passion for the game into a career with this unique programme, helping you build the skills and experience for a range of roles within sport, alongside training and playing as you continue your own football development.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Aged
16-19

4 GCSEs at grade
4-9 ideally including
English & Maths*

Applicants for the Elite Football Development pathway will be asked to submit a football CV to assess their suitability and invited to trial

*Students who do not have GCSE English or Maths at Grade 4 can complete this alongside the Level 3 Extended Diploma

ELITE FOOTBALL SCHOLARSHIP PATHWAY



Represent Chester FC in the FA Youth Cup against clubs from the EFL and EPL



Weekly fixtures in the National League U19 Alliance



Strength & conditioning and analysis support



UEFA-qualified coaching team



Up to 4 training sessions per week

Our Elite Football Scholarship programme is built for young players who want to take their football to the next level and work towards senior football, with a clear pathway into the Chester FC first team.

Players train full-time in a professional football environment, with two fixtures each week and a programme focused on developing every aspect of their game. From technical and tactical ability to physical performance, players receive expert support to become confident, intelligent and well-rounded footballers.

With UEFA-qualified coaches, strength and conditioning support and performance analysis, players are challenged to reach their potential while continuing to achieve academically.

Whether your ambition is to earn a place in the Chester FC first-team squad or progress into other football and education opportunities, our Elite Football Scholarship pathway provides the environment, experience and support to help you take the next step.

TRAINING & MATCHDAYS

Training Venue: King George V Community Sports Hub

Matchday: Wednesdays (Home and Away Fixtures)

League: National League U19 Alliance

FOOTBALL AND COACHING DEVELOPMENT PATHWAY



Football development programme with two training sessions per week & weekly fixtures



Individual learning plan geared towards your chosen career in sport



Undertake coaching placements with Chester FC Community Trust

TheFA

Complete FA coaching qualifications



Gain work experience in a real football business

Designed for young people who want to develop as footballers while building a future in the game, our Football & Coaching Development pathway combines high-quality football development with education, coaching and practical experience. Students follow a structured football development programme, with regular training and fixtures designed to develop their technical, tactical, physical and game-understanding skills. Alongside their football, students develop their coaching ability, gain recognised qualifications and real work experience. With support from experienced coaches and tutors, students are encouraged to grow in confidence, improve their performance and prepare for their next step, whether their ambition is to play, coach or pursue another career in the game.

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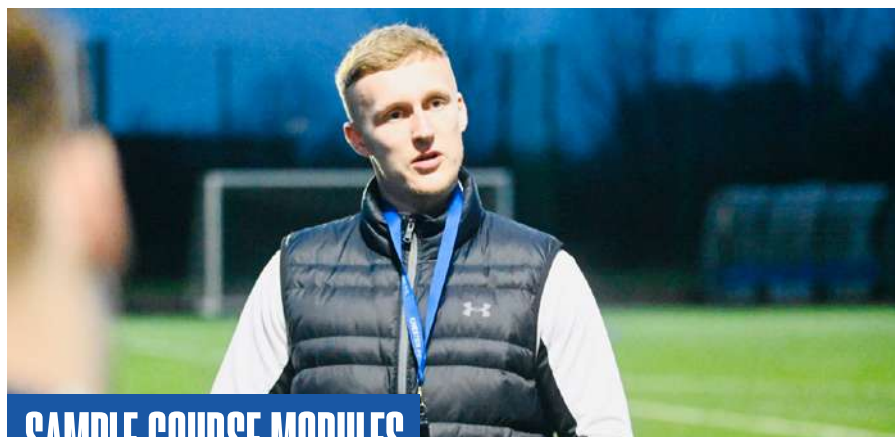
League: Association of Colleges League

THE EDUCATION

Students on the Chester FC Football Education Programme work towards a **Level 3 Extended Diploma in Sport Development & Coaching**, delivered by our education partner Access Sport.

The two-year programme is equivalent to three A-Levels, ensuring opportunities for students to progress onto university, USA scholarships, apprenticeships and employment.

Our unique learning environment means students will learn within a live football business and alongside players and staff from the Chester FC first team and other departments, gaining a valuable insight into how a football club operates, and how to build a successful career in a competitive industry.



SAMPLE COURSE MODULES

Careers in sport	Health & wellbeing	Coaching skills
Sports development	Self-employment in sport	Sports psychology
Anatomy & Physiology	Fitness testing	Research project

WHY JOIN THE CHESTER FC FOOTBALL EDUCATION PROGRAMME?

Based at King George V Community Sports Hub with top class facilities

Gain a recognised qualification that allows you to progress to university, USA scholarships or employment

Career-focused pathways with work experience opportunities at Chester FC

Study and train full-time in a professional club environment

Expert support from tutors and coaches to achieve academic and footballing success

OUR AIM

To inspire and develop young people to excel on and off the pitch by delivering a quality education and football development programme that creates future players and supports progression into careers in football or university, contributing to the long-term success and sustainability of the club.

OUR OBJECTIVES

- 1 Deliver Outstanding Education:** Provide a comprehensive Level 3 qualification that equips students with the knowledge, skills, and academic credentials for university, careers within sport, or vocational pathways.
- 2 Develop Elite Football Talent:** Produce technically and tactically outstanding players capable of progressing into the Chester FC first team, or moving up the football pyramid, generating future transfer value to reinvest in the club's structure and success.
- 3 Enhance Career and Life Skills:** Foster key transferable skills such as teamwork, leadership, and communication, and offer meaningful enrichment experiences that support employability and personal growth.
- 4 Promote Holistic Wellbeing:** Support the physical and mental wellbeing of every student through a pastoral care system, access to strength and conditioning, and guidance from experienced mentors.
- 5 Pathways to Progression:** Provide clear, supported progression routes into university, USA scholarships, careers in football and sport, and potential opportunities with the Chester FC first team or partner clubs.
- 6 Instil Chester FC Values:** Develop students who are positive role models and ambassadors for the Chester FC culture and values, teaching young people to be respectful, hardworking, disciplined, and take personal responsibility.

PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES



UK UNIVERSITY OR HIGHER EDUCATION

USA FOOTBALL SCHOLARSHIPS



**EMPLOYMENT WITHIN THE FOOTBALL,
SPORT, HEALTH AND FITNESS SECTORS**



APPRENTICESHIPS



**PROGRESSION INTO CHESTER FC FIRST
TEAM OR SEMI-PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL**

FURTHER OPPORTUNITIES

Being based within a live football business provides students with unrivalled opportunities for work experience at Chester FC and Chester FC Community Trust.

With placements across a range of disciplines including community coaching, physio, media, event management and more, students will gain an insight into the day to day running of a football club.

There are also opportunities for students to participate in fully-funded international tours, with a range of career focused and player development trips on offer for students each year.



STUDENT EXPERIENCE



Since starting the course my confidence has grown and I've thrived in every aspect. The course has given me a lot of opportunities for the future and opened up a lot of doors for me, thanks to the tutors and everybody involved being so supportive and encouraging. I highly recommend this course for anybody interested in sport.

Kingsley, Coaching & Sport Development student

I have really enjoyed being part of the Chester FC Football Education course. I had the opportunity to be part of a tour to Spain, which was a fantastic experience, and I've made lots of new friends while continuing my development as a footballer.

Ollie, Football & Coaching Development student

Chester FC Football Education offers a friendly, supportive environment where approachable tutors help you settle in easily. My favorite module is anatomy and physiology in sport, which has provided me with a detailed knowledge. I highly recommend studying with Chester FC.

**Dean, Football & Coaching
Development student**



HOW TO APPLY

- 1 Register your interest and apply now
<http://accesssport.ac.uk/chester>



- 2 Attend a Chester Football Education Open Evening
- 3 Attend an interview with a member of our team
- 4 Receive and accept a conditional offer
- 5 Enrol on GCSE results day





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