



Ellesmere

Co-ed 7-18 day and boarding

FOOTBALL Academy



Ellesmere College Football Academy

Ellesmere has long been associated with sporting excellence - and the school currently also hosts established academies for rugby, swimming, tennis, golf, cricket and shooting. The Football Academy has been designed to emulate their success. The Football Academy, by IH Manchester, employs a full-time UEFA qualified coach and aims to bring its 15 year pedigree of player development to Ellesmere. The philosophy of the academy is one that focuses on individual development and seeks to get the best out of each and every player.



What can the Football Academy offer players?

- Pro Club Training Schedule
- Player Development Platform
- Proven Player Pathways
- Expert Professional Coaching
- Competitive Matchplay & Showcase Events
- Career Pathway Development & Mentoring
- Train as a pro-club academy player
- Taking your game to the next level - fulfil your potential as a better player
- Offering many pathways to the professional game - UK, Portugal, Spain & US scholarships
- Coached by a UEFA A Qualified coach with a successful professional career
- Regular competitive matches
- Clear, constructive feedback, guidance and mentoring, career advice.

Players that attend the Football Academy benefit from:

First class facilities • High level coaching • Regular competitive football • Academic support • Regular structured training • Talent identification in front of scouts, pro-club coaches and academy personnel • Pathways to football related professions via Higher Education •

"The school here have done a fantastic thing and agreed a coaching deal with some top coaches that allow the lads here to get some proper training as well as focus on their school work which is important too, it's a fantastic set-up."

Gareth Barry,
Patron of the Ellesmere College Academy



Highlights of the Ellesmere Football Academy include:

- Open Football Trials to showcase talent in front of professional scouts
- Team football allowing all players to be selected to represent the school against other independent schools
- Academy coaches working with the school teams
- Support and guidance from Academy coaches whilst playing with the school teams
- Regular "Academy Only" coaching sessions each day, in addition to school team training, to develop the players
- 11 aside competitive league match play
- Guest coaching sessions by visiting professional club academy coaches/ex-players or experts in their field
- Education/career trips looking at careers in football or related fields
- Coaching sessions by prominent professional footballers via the Professional Footballers Association Coach Development programme
- Visits to local professional clubs.

Football Academy Weekly Timetable

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Senior Boarders	17:00 - 18:45	16:15 - 18:45	14:15 - 17:15	14:30 - 17:00	16:15 - 18:45
Senior Day Students		16:15 - 17:15	14:15 - 17:15	14:30 - 17:00	16:15 - 17:15
Juniors	16:15 - 17:15	16:15 - 17:15	15:00 - 17:00	no training	16:15 - 17:15

- Please note this timetable may change during the Lent term to accommodate the squad training, and the Head Coach may vary the content of sessions (classroom/pitch) and duration to be suitable for the development of the players any particular week.

Facilities

Members of the Ellesmere Football Academy are able to make full use of the School's outstanding facilities which include:

- 4x full size, 2x junior 9-a-side and 4x 6-a-side football pitches
- A brand new all-weather pitch
- Indoor swimming pool
- State of the art cardio gym
- Free weight performance gym
- Indoor sports hall
- Squash and tennis courts
- Tailored Strength and Conditioning Sessions

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IH Manchester

IH Manchester has been established for 13 years and over this time has helped many young players reach their full football potential within the UK and internationally.

US College Scholarships

US colleges and universities offer various levels of soccer scholarships, permitting suitably talented footballers to fund (or partially fund) their higher education in the USA and play in the US college and university leagues. IHM have a partnership with Soccer Assist who can help and guide players in this route. We have a number of players in the past year who have been successful and are starting their journey towards the US football college route.

IHM Player Panel

The all new 'Player Pathway Panel' will look at players who have the desire to progress on and complete their portfolio to submit at the relevant times of the season. This will give them an opportunity to be considered for programmes and trials in the UK or Europe.

Player Successes

-  Eric Behrens, Germany - trialled Manchester City FC, contract with Derby County FC.
-  Sam Zimmerman, Switzerland - playing Div 1 Soccer at California State University.
-  Bliaz Hall, UK - trialled Manchester City FC & Blackburn Rovers FC.
-  Carlos Mora, Spain - trialled with Everton FC, Rochdale & Bury FC.
-  Quinn Bredan, Canada - selected for Vancouver White Caps, trialled with Stoke City.
-  Sarangapany Pagadala, India - Soccer Assist USA scholarship to Monroe College, NY.
-  Julian Jenson, Netherlands - signed contract for Serie D side Sancataldese Calcio, Italy.
-  Miguel Hamutena, Namibia - signed for Norwegian 2nd div club Strommen FC.
-  McDonald Ferguson, Botswana - played with NFC and Botswana National U17s side.



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