



ARSENAL STUDENT

POST-16 EDUCATION PROSPECTUS



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WELCOME TO ARSENAL IN THE COMMUNITY POST-16 EDUCATION

The work of Arsenal in the Community is delivered by a dedicated team of staff with a rich history and respected programmes that stretch back to the mid 1980's.

Our post-16 courses are designed to provide students with the theoretical knowledge, combined with the practical opportunities to demonstrate skills through an enhanced work experience programme and PHSE curriculum to prepare students for further education, employment, or apprenticeships.

This prospectus will provide further information about Arsenal in the Community and an insight into our post-16 courses.

JACK FERGUSON

SENIOR MANAGER

SECONDARY, POST 16 EDUCATION &
EMPLOYMENT

Jack began his Arsenal in the Community journey as a secondary school pupil completing work experience in 2006! Since then, Jack has worked for Arsenal for over 10 years delivering community programmes within schools, colleges, and adult education to support progression into employment and the transition into the world of work. He is also responsible for quality assurance of our post-16 education through ensuring compliance with awarding body and Education & Skills Funding Agency requirements.



MARTIN DAVIS

EDUCATION MANAGER

ACADEMIC TUTOR & COACH
EDUCATOR

Approaching his 28th year, Martin began his journey with Arsenal Football Club as a passionate football coach at the age of 17 on an education programme back at Highbury. Over the years, he evolved into a coach educator, imparting knowledge, and expertise to fellow coaches, shaping the future of our sports programmes. Now, Martin has seamlessly transitioned into the role of a teacher where his commitment to nurturing young minds continues to make a lasting impact. Martin is a valued asset to our team, dedicated to fostering excellence both on and off the pitch.

ANTHONY DAVID

EDUCATION MANAGER

ACADEMIC TUTOR & COACH
EDUCATOR

For a decade, Anthony was a personal trainer, sports coach, academic tutor, and key skills practitioner for Springboard Islington before joining Arsenal Football Club in 2003. He joined Arsenal as a Positive Future Coordinator, facilitating football sessions within local estates, known for anti-social behaviour, to promote positive engagement and education to some of the most disadvantaged young people. During his time at Arsenal, Anthony has gained his UEFA B qualification, completed a two-year teaching degree, and co-created our post-16 Level 3 course in 2015.



HOLLY WALKER

COURSE COORDINATOR

ACADEMIC TUTOR & COACH
EDUCATOR

Holly is the newest member of the post-16 education team at Arsenal Football Club, joining in 2023. Holly pursued her passion in sport and football by studying a degree in Sports & Exercise Science and later completed a Masters in Sports Psychology. These educational achievements have equipped her with valuable knowledge and insights into the field. After her academic journey, Holly progressed into teaching firstly at Portsmouth FC before moving to Crawley Town FC. Now, Holly continues to inspire the next generation of young people and sports enthusiasts at Arsenal.

ARSENAL IN THE COMMUNITY

A SENSE OF BELONGING

As an established department within the club, Arsenal in the Community has been using the power of the Arsenal name to positively impact lives of young people since 1985. The team delivers sport, social, and education programmes to over 5,000 individuals each week.

Football clubs have a natural ability to engage with their communities because clubs hold a deep meaning for local people. This emotional connection is the platform that Arsenal uses to engage some of the most disadvantaged in our local society and, in more recent times, from across the world.

OUR WORK

Based at the Arsenal Hub, next to the Emirates Stadium, we have a staff team responsible for delivery of a wide range of community programmes which includes:

- Social Inclusion
- Education
- Sport, Health & Wellbeing

Many of our initiatives are long standing and have been at the cutting edge of sports-based interventions in response to central government agendas and local needs.



WHY STUDY A NCFE QUALIFICATION?

NCFE (Northern Council for Further Education) is a national educational awarding body that designs, develops, and certifies diverse, recognised vocational qualifications and awards. NCFE is the UK's longest established awarding body, as well as one of the UK's fastest growing.

NCFE qualifications are available at various levels. Level 1 and 2 are equivalent to GCSEs, Level 3 to A-Levels, and Level 4 to 7 hold the same status of achievement as a degree. Harnessing the power and resources of Arsenal FC, we can provide our students with a high quality, holistic experience tailored to their individual needs and specific career interests through NCFE qualifications.



HOW ARE OUR NCFE QUALIFICATIONS ASSESSED?

Unlike A-Levels, NCFE qualifications are assessed through coursework and practical assessments, and encourage students to apply theory and real-life scenarios to the coursework. This allows our students to develop their knowledge and practical ability. Some of our assessment methods include:



PODCASTS



ADVERTS



SELF-REFLECTIONS



DEBATES



POSTERS



PRESENTATIONS



OBSERVATIONS



PRACTICAL



REPORTS



DISCUSSIONS

NCFE LEVEL 2 DIPLOMA IN SPORT

1 YEAR
COURSE

6 PRACTICAL HOURS
PER WEEK

16 EDUCATION HOURS
PER WEEK

COURSE INFORMATION

The NCFE Level 2 Diploma in Sport (Sport, Exercise & Fitness Pathway) is intended for learners aged 16+ and prepares learners for higher education and gives a good introduction to the sport vocation.

It is designed as a 1-year, full time course that is equivalent to four GCSEs (from Grade 4 to 9) and will provide the foundation to continue education at Level 3.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Four GCSEs at Grade 3 or above, including English Language and Maths.

UNITS OF STUDY

Includes three mandatory and four optional units over the 1 year:

- Participating in Sport
- Introduction to Healthy Exercise & Nutrition
- Anatomy & Physiology

- Developing Sporting Skill & Tactical Awareness
- Psychology for Sports Performance
- Sports Coaching
- Performance Analysis for Sport



NCFE LEVEL 3 EXT DIPLOMA IN SPORT

2 YEAR COURSE **6** PRACTICAL HOURS PER WEEK **20** EDUCATION HOURS PER WEEK

COURSE INFORMATION

The NCFE Level 3 Extended Diploma in Sport & Physical Activity (Sports Coaching Pathway) is intended for learners aged 16+ and prepares learners for further education, apprenticeships, or sport based employment.

It is designed as a 2-year, full time course that is equivalent to three A-Levels and provides the following UCAS points: P-48, M-98, D-144, D*-168.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Five GCSEs at Grade 4 or above, including English Language and Maths.

UNITS OF STUDY

Includes three mandatory and fifteen optional units over the 2 years:

- Preparing for Career in Sport & Physical Activity
- Exercise, Health, & Lifestyle
- Principles of Anatomy & Physiology

- Fitness Testing for Sport & Exercise
- Practical Team Sports
- Innovation & Enterprise
- Coaching Special Populations
- The Athlete Lifestyle
- Sports Injuries
- Current Issues in Sport
- Practical Individual Sports
- Organising Sports Events
- Analysis of Sports Performance
- Marketing Skills for Sport & Physical Activity
- Sports Nutrition
- Psychology for Sports Performance
- Personal & Professional Development



COACH EDUCATION

The coach education element to our post-16 courses has been meticulously designed to provide our students with the unique opportunity to cultivate essential skills and attain qualifications spanning various aspects of the sports world, be it coaching and teaching, officiating, or performance support.

Our students will actively engage in weekly practical coach education sessions and gain invaluable work experience, all facilitated by FA and UEFA certified football coaches. Our curriculum is aligned with the FA's England DNA philosophy, ensuring a seamless progression for our students as they undertake FA qualifications.

Students also are provided with an insight into coach education in a variety of different sports to broaden their coaching understanding.



WORK EXPERIENCE

Throughout the course, work experience assumes a pivotal role in the holistic development of our students. Some of the exciting opportunities that past students have pursued include:

- Disability Sports
- Social Inclusion Initiatives
- Football Development Programmes
- Primary & Secondary Schools PE Curriculum
- Academy Talent Identification

This programme opens doors to a world of possibilities, where students can not only learn but actively contribute to the diverse area of community and elite level sport, becoming well-rounded individuals with a deep understanding of the field they are passionate about.

GCSE ENGLISH LANGUAGE & MATHS

Students who are yet to achieve a Grade 4 or above in GCSE English Language and/or Maths prior to starting their studies with us will be required to continue to study the GCSE subject(s) alongside their NCFE sport qualification.

We know that GCSE English Language and Maths can be challenging for many students, and we therefore provide as much support as possible to help our students to overcome that challenge. The GCSE lessons are embedded into the weekly timetable and are delivered on-site at the Arsenal Hub by expert teachers who specialise within those subjects.

Students will have access to a variety of smart, easy to use applications, and dedicated exam support as they prepare for the GCSE Summer Series.



PERSONAL, SOCIAL, HEALTH & ECONOMIC CURRICULUM

At the heart of our post-16 education is the objective to nurture our students' personal, social, moral, and cultural dimension. Our PSHE curriculum enables students to access a range of talks, presentations, workshops, and enrichment opportunities which guide them through post-16 education and life beyond. This may include but not limited to:



**MENTAL
HEALTH**



**SEXUAL
HEALTH**



**ANTI-
RACISM**



**DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE**



**HEALTHY
RELATIONSHIPS**



**DISABILITY
INCLUSION**



**ALCOHOL
AWARENESS**



**GAMBLING
AWARENESS**



**KNIFE & HATE
CRIME**



**MONEY
MANAGEMENT**

ENRICHMENT

We believe in nurturing well-rounded students who not only excel in the realm of sports but also acquire life skills, knowledge, and experiences that will last a lifetime. Here at Arsenal, we understand that education extends far beyond the classroom and through various enrichment opportunities, students forge strong connections with their peers, developing skills that are essential for now, and in the future.

We believe that true enrichment comes from immersive, hands-on experience. We offer unit linked experiences that go above and beyond traditional learning. For instance, students passionate about nutrition can expand their horizons through culinary adventures in cooking, mastering the art of preparing healthy and delicious meals; or through studying anatomy and physiology, exhibition visits that provide a captivating journey through the intricacies of the human body.



TRIPS

Students will have access to club-linked activities that will immerse them in the rich heritage and culture of Arsenal Football Club. From stadium tours to club wide initiatives, students are part of the Arsenal family, witnessing firsthand what it takes to be part of one of the most storied football clubs in the world. These activities help students to appreciate the club's history and values while gaining a deeper understanding of the sports industry.

Over the years, we have provided our students with the unique opportunity to travel abroad to visit other football clubs and experience diverse cultures and coaching philosophies. These trips are eye-opening, allowing students to broaden their horizons, observe diverse coaching techniques, and gain a global perspective on the sporting world. Previous destinations have included renowned football clubs in Europe, such as Juventus, Real Madrid, PSV, Ajax, and AC Milan.



PROGRESSION ROUTES

TAILORED SUPPORT

At Arsenal, we offer students the support and guidance they need to take the next step, whatever that may be. This includes:

- Interview Preparation & Job Support
- One to One Support
- Career Discovery Workshops
- University Tours & Open Days
- CV Writing Workshops
- Mentor & Employment Advice

UCAS SUPPORT

If students have chosen university as their next steps, our staff and partner college will support students with their UCAS applications. Students will also have the opportunity to visit universities to give them more of an insight.



A BRIGHT FUTURE

The beauty of our NCFE courses are that they provide our students with an opportunity to delve into the different aspects of sport and explore potential sport-based careers. Some of the careers that our students have gone into include:

**SPORTS
COACHING**

**SPORTS
SCIENCE**

**SPORTS
MARKETING & MEDIA**

**SPORTS
JOURNALISM**

**SPORTS DEVELOPMENT
& MANAGEMENT**

**SPORTS
BUSINESS & FINANCE**

**HEALTH &
FITNESS**

**STADIUM & EVENTS
MANAGEMENT**

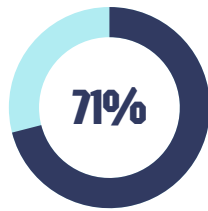
**TEACHING &
EDUCATION**

OUR 23/24 GRADUATES

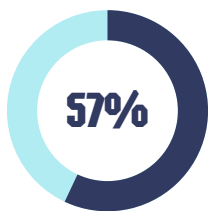
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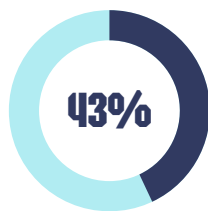
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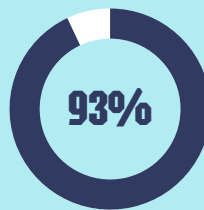
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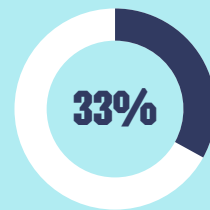
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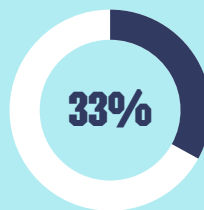
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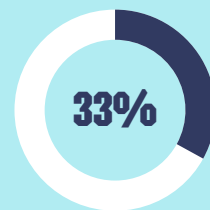
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UNIVERSITY PROGRESSION



ARSENAL CDP PROGRESSION



EMPLOYMENT PROGRESSION

SELECTION PROCESS & NEXT STEPS



01 OPEN EVENING

Express an interest online via our website and we will invite you to one of our open evenings, where we will give you all the information you need about your desired course.



02 APPLICATION

Complete our online application form in as much detail as possible via our website (www.arsenal.com/thearsenalstudent). The education team will review your application and invite you to an interview if entry requirements are met.



03 INTERVIEW

You will need to attend an interview at the Arsenal Hub, where our education team will ask you a series of questions to get to know you better and understand your reasoning for applying.



04 CONDITIONAL OFFER

If you have been successful at the interview, a conditional offer will be made on the basis that you meet the academic entry requirements. before officially being accepted onto the course.



05 PRE-INDUCTION

You will be invited to a pre-induction at the Arsenal Hub during the summer break where you will be able to familiarise yourself with your surroundings, understand the course in more detail, and meet your new classmates.



06 GCSE RESULTS

GCSE grades on results day should be sent to the education team who will review them and ensure that the course you have applied for is still suitable for your next steps. or if another course may be more appropriate.



07 WELCOME

Congratulations! We look forward to welcoming you as an Arsenal Student in September for Induction week.



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