

August 2022

## The IHM Football Academy Season 2022/23

Dear Parent,

As we now look to the start of the new academic year in September and the 6<sup>th</sup> season of the IHM Football Academy at Ellesmere, I wanted to let you know of some new changes to the programme from September 2022.

The IHM Academy is run along the lines of a professional football academy, but works around the academic timetable and school curriculum. As well as players receiving individual developmental mentoring and competitive match play, there will also be opportunities provided for talented players to be identified by professional and semi-professional football clubs as well county level scouts, as the year progresses. This year the academy has also invested in a **live streaming Veo Camera** enabling parents and guardians to watch allocated games as they happen.

To support all pupils at Ellesmere who wish to develop their football, we are now able to offer several football academy coaching options throughout the year.

*The weekly training schedule across each term will follow the draft timetable below:*

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Senior Boarders (Yrs. 9 – 13)	17.00 - 18.45	16.15 – 18.45	14.15 – 17.15	14.30 – 17.00	16.15 – 18.45
Senior Day Students (Yrs. 9 – 13)		16.15 – 17.15	14.15 – 17.15	14.30 – 17.00	16.15 – 17.15
Junior Academy	16.15 – 17.15	16.15 – 17.15	15.00 – 17.00		16.15 – 17.15

We have the following training options and price packages available:

- **Gold package** for boarders = £2,799 per academic year
- **Silver package** for day pupils = £1,950 per academic year
- **Bronze package** – Bespoke package for students to attend the sessions they are available for (timetable to be agreed in advance and programme individually priced)
- **Junior Academy** – Full programme = £1,350 per academic year.

## **What Should IHM Football Academy Players Expect To Receive?**

For boys and girls who are passionate about football, the Academy allows them to develop their playing skills by receiving a structured professional football coaching programme, throughout the full academic year. This links in with the school teams during the main football term (Lent) meaning that players represent not only the academy, but also the school football teams.

### **1 Pro Club Training schedule**

*Here you can train just like a pro club academy player, including video analysis, psychology/nutrition work and a weekly gym programme.*

### **2 Platform for player development**

*We can take your game to the next level: we will make you a better player and allow you to fulfil your potential.*

### **3 Proven player pathways**

*We offer you many different pathways to the professional game: UK, Portugal & Spain and US scholarships.*

### **4 Expert professional coaching**

*You will be coached by a UEFA A qualified coach with a successful professional playing career.*

### **5 Competitive league and showcase events**

*We will provide you with regular competitive match football.*

### **6 Career pathway development and mentoring**

*We will always be open and honest with you regarding your potential and provide guidance and advice about careers in football (both as a player and in non-playing roles).*

If you would like further details, wish to talk about the programme or want to sign your son/daughter up to the Football Academy for the 2022/23 season, then please email Mr John O-Leary (IHM Director) [john@ihmanchester.com](mailto:john@ihmanchester.com) to find out more and to request a booking form.

Your sincerely

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