



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 12 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?

- Year round football development
- Regular fitness testing
- Structured conditioning programmes
- One to one reviews
- Generic skill development
- Tactical and technical skill development
- Access to nutritional advice
- Access to cross training sessions
- Game analysis work

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



The Ellesmere Football season is structured as follows:

September to December:

- 11 a-side 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
- Coaching sessions by prominent professional footballers via the Professional Footballers Association Coach Development programme
- Visits to local professional clubs

January to April:

- 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

May to July:

- 11 a-side competitive league match play
- Guest coaching sessions by visiting professional club academy coaches/ ex-players or experts in their field
- Visits to local professional clubs
- Coaching sessions by prominent professional players via the Professional Footballers Association Coach Development programme
- Educate/career trips which preview careers in football or football related fields

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

IH Manchester

IH Manchester has been established for 12 years and over this time has helped many young players reach their full football potential within the UK and internationally.

Here are some of our success stories:



Eric Behrens, Germany

Trialed with Manchester City FC and signed academy contract with Derby County FC.



Nazar Kimit, Ukraine

Signed for Ukraine 2nd Division club FC Skala.



Ismail Zaan Amir, Maldives

Selected to play for and Captain Maldives national under 16s and 18s.



Sam Zimmerman, Switzerland

Signed for Swiss club SC Kriens – selected to play for under 21s squad of national team of Liechtenstein. As of Nov 2015 - Playing Division 1 Soccer at California State University Bakersfield.



Carlos Mora, Spain

Trialed with English Premier League Club Everton FC, Rochdale & Bury FC.



Bliaz Hall, UK

Trailing with Premier League club, Manchester City FC and Championship club, Blackburn Rovers FC.



Quin Bredin, Canada

Selected for the Vancouver White Caps pro pathway programme. Earned trials with English Championship club Birmingham City and English Premier League club Stoke City.



Miguel Hamutena, Namibia

Signed for Norwegian 2nd division club Strommen FC.



Carlos Acuna, Venezuela

Signed for Venezuelan club Trujillanos FC.



Chafik Nacer, Canada

Signed for Spanish Sigunda Division team Alcorcon AD Liga Adelante.



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