



# BUXTON FC ACADEMY POST-16 ELITE FOOTBALL & EDUCATION PROGRAMME

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# WE ARE ON A JOURNEY... BE PART OF IT.



Following the investment of over £1million at the Tarmac Silverlands Stadium, and under the steer of a dynamic and ambitious Board, Buxton FC now boasts one of the best 4G pitches in Europe.

Central to our plans is a commitment to provide all our students with a platform to help fulfil their potential and to be the best they can be.

We are proud to partner with Buxton & Leek College to deliver our elite football and education Academy programme, meaning our learners can access a multitude of benefits from the wider educational institution, whilst earning fully accredited qualifications.

The management and coaching staff at Buxton FC are committed to developing young players who are motivated and disciplined, both on and off the pitch. As part of our 'One Club' approach, the highest performing eligible Academy players will be selected to train with and begin integration into the Development Squad and potentially, ultimately our First Team.



Buxton & Leek College gives students the very best opportunities to achieve their academic and personal potential, offering the fullest support alongside high-quality teaching and learning.

Their focus is on individual supervision and development of independent skills needed for employment or higher education and their additional facilities and student support functions ensure that each individual is able to become the best version of themselves.



## OUR COURSES

Students will embark on either a Level 2 or Level 3 full time post-GCSE education course, delivered alongside a tailored physical development programme that uses state-of-the-art video analysis technology, PlayerTek GPS review software, heat mapping and more!

In addition, for those students with an interest in progressing into back-room staff or management roles, this course offers an abundance of optional extra opportunities, including refereeing and coaching qualifications.

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## OUR EDUCATION PROGRAMMES OFFER:

- High-quality teaching and coaching
- The opportunity to learn and train with our highly-experienced team
- Pathways from Academy to semi-professional/professional teams
- Access to state-of-the-art facilities including a bespoke onsite Fitness Suite, video review technology and player GPS analysis software
- Access to an onsite therapist for injury precaution rehab
- Bespoke training and gym plans

## LEVEL 3

### EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN SPORT AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY WITH COACHING PATHWAY

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2-year coursework based programme, delivered primarily at the Tarmac Silverlands Stadium, with units including:

- Fitness training & programming
- Sports nutrition
- Anatomy and physiology
- Sports coaching

This course is an alternative to A-levels and is a credible, and in some ways preferable, post-16 study route for many young people. It is realistically possible to outperform A-level students in terms of UCAS points achieved, as outlined in the following grade comparison table:

Level 3 Extended Diploma	UCAS Points	A-level equivalent
Distinction*	168	A*A*A*
Distinction	144	AAA
Merit	96	BBB
Pass	48	CCC

## LEVEL 2

### DIPLOMA IN SPORT

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1-year coursework-based programme, delivered primarily at the Tarmac Silverlands Stadium, designed as a stepping stone to the Level 3 programme or for students needing to resit GCSE Maths and English, with units including:

- Sports coaching
- Developing sporting skills and tactical awareness
- Participation in sport

**L2 entry requirements: 4 GCSEs at 3 or above**  
**L3 entry requirements: 4 GCSEs at 4 or above**  
**inc. Maths or English**



# ON THE PITCH

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The course is delivered in state-of-the-art facilities by industry-experienced and subject-specialist professionals including ex-pro players and the PFA.

Along with continuing physical activity and personal development, our teams will compete in the Under 19s Alliance League and The Youth Development League, as well as the prestigious FA Youth Cup.



# GIRLS' FOOTBALL

**With bold and ambitious women in positions of leadership, in the stands and now on the pitch, we are thrilled to accept an increasing number of applications from female players to join the Buxton FC Academy.**

**We are committed to creating an elite sports environment where young women can flourish and their talents are recognised, celebrated and progressed.**

**Along with the national trend, Buxton FC Women's profile continues to rise with pathways for our Academy students through U18s and Women's First Team.**

**We encourage applications from players of all genders and will ensure that every member of the Academy has the opportunity to play competitive football at the appropriate level, alongside their studies and training.**



# BURSARY & FINANCIAL SUPPORT

We are committed to helping you overcome any financial barriers which may prevent you from making the most of your educational opportunities.

During your time at the Academy, there may be things you need to pay for such as travel, meals whilst on-site and kit costs.

You may need to plan ahead and budget for these, or depending on your circumstances, financial support may be available from one of the bursaries Buxton & Leek College offers.

To check if you are eligible for financial support, please visit [www.buxton.derbyshire.sch.uk](http://www.buxton.derbyshire.sch.uk) and search 'Bursary Fund'.

We also have our own charity foundation who may be able to offer support.





# NEXT STEPS: UNIVERSITY

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Our Level 3 Extended Diploma is equivalent to 3 A-Levels, with up to 168 UCAS points awarded, making it a credible, and in some ways preferable, post-16 study route for many, when compared with A-Levels.

The majority of this programme is coursework-based and it is realistically more than possible to actually outperform A-Level students in terms of UCAS points gained (please see grade comparison table on page 3).

**Sports Science, Sports Performance, and Physiotherapy** are obvious progression degree routes and most universities welcome candidates from this programme. However, other diverse degree routes are possible including **Business Studies, IT and Law**.



# NEXT STEPS: EMPLOYMENT

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When our extensive football training schedule is paired with a well-rounded programme of education, our young people progress from the Academy with a **sound knowledge of the industry, advanced technical skills** and a wealth of **new social and professional relationships** – ensuring that they are **well-equipped to specialise and work within the world of sports or wider industries**.

Over their time with us, players will **develop a host of transferable skills** which sets their CVs apart, graduating with a demonstrated history of working in a **high-performance environment** and a skill set that includes **discipline, motivation, strong critical analysis** and **problem-solving**.

We are committed to both the **personal and professional development** of all our players **on and off the pitch**, working with them to ensure that they are **performing at the highest possible level, reach their full potential** and feel **empowered** to move into fulfilling careers.



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