



WEALDSTONE FC ACADEMY PROSPECTUS 2023/2024

**FOOTBALL
AND EDUCATION
OPPORTUNITIES FOR
16 TO 23 YEAR OLDS**

OUR ACADEMY PARTNERS



The Harefield Academy
Achievement through Active Learning



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MISSION STATEMENT

To create an environment for 16-23 year olds to progress within both sports and education surrounded by first class facilities and resources.

To help talented footballers make progress in their football careers with the goal of guiding them to play for the Wealdstone FC first team and beyond, whilst continuing with their academic studies.



LEARN TRAIN PLAY
WITH THE **WEALDSTONE FC**
ACADEMY

ABOUT WEALDSTONE FC ACADEMY

The **Wealdstone FC Academy** is a **sports and education programme** run in partnerships between Vanarama National League side Wealdstone FC, Harefield Academy & Brunel University.

Our vision is clear: to create an environment for 16-23-year-olds to progress within both sports and education surrounded by first class facilities and resources. Indeed Club Chairman Rory Fitzgerald and Stuart Maynard have a 5 year goal of having half the first team developed from the academy system.

We offer a large number of education options including BTEC Level 3 qualifications, A Levels, Level 2 Diplomas and Degree level qualifications. Students will also benefit from working with UEFA A & B License coaches, current and ex professionals and playing in the National League Under 19 Alliance league – the highest ranked league outside of the professional game for this age group in the United Kingdom, as well as our network of local partner clubs.

We strive to give all of our players more opportunities and greater experiences designed to help them progress on and off the pitch. We aim to not only develop the players as footballers, but as individuals.

Our first-class facilities make all our programmes possible and they are some of the best available within the sports and education space. These facilities include access to

the 4,000-person capacity Stadium at Grosvenor Vale, 3Gs Astros, gymnasiums, as well as classrooms fully equipped with the latest educational technologies.

Our training philosophy improves players in all aspects of the game, educating Wealdstone Academy players both technically and tactically. In our opinion our programme gives our players the best opportunity to improve their game across all aspects. We strive to build highly motivated, resilient and determined individuals as well as players that are highly competitive and skilled in both attacking, defending and transition.

A huge part of the academy's aims is teaching young players to take ownership of their own development to create lifelong habits. Every academy member is provided with a gym programme, allowing time to take part in additional individual training drills and analyse video clips of their own performance via access to the cutting-edge technology the Club employs through VEO. They are tasked with identifying their own personal goals, whilst the coach supplements these with team goals.

We are proud of the work we do every day with all the Wealdstone Academy

players, giving them the opportunities to enter further education at University level, whether that be at Brunel University, other universities in the UK or on 'soccer' scholarships in the United States of America, as well as helping them develop the functional skills to enter the work place directly.

Students are engaged at all different levels with the club from doing work experience, playing matches against the other academy teams, talks regarding their career opportunities, diet & nutrition to attending first team matches as well as playing and training in the Wealdstone kit.



WHAT WE OFFER WEALDSTONE FC ACADEMY

To develop our academy players we deliver the most relevant and cutting-edge games model, individual player model, team training model and principles of play, which focus on high performance, high challenge, and high support

- ⚽ 2 State of the art facilities.
- ⚽ Progressive development models.
- ⚽ Individual learning plans and objectives.
- ⚽ UEFA-licensed coaches, current and ex-professionals.
- ⚽ Outstanding educational provision.
- ⚽ Access to expert tutors.
- ⚽ Excellent player-care support
- ⚽ Regular player reviews.



“Football is like life, it requires perseverance, self-discipline, hard work, sacrifice & respect for authority.”

Stuart Maynard, Wealdstone FC Manager

- ⚽ Access to VEO for video analysis.
- ⚽ Social media coverage.
- ⚽ A variety of competitive high-quality fixtures.
- ⚽ Technical and tactical sessions planned with a multi-disciplinary approach.
- ⚽ Gym training and programme.
- ⚽ Access to Saturday adult football at an appropriate level.
- ⚽ Pre, mid, and post-season fitness testing.
- ⚽ Specialist goalkeeper training.



**LEAVE
YOUR
MARK**

The Wealdstone Academy have again teamed up with Spanish football brand Kelme to be the Academy's official teamwear partner for the 2023/24 season.

All of the Wealdstone Academy products are available for purchase at wealdstonefcstore.co.uk/collections/academy



OFFICIAL HOME KIT
23/24 SEASON

WE PLAY IN
**BLUE &
WHITE**
AND WE'RE.....





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OFFICIAL 3RD KIT
23/24 SEASON

SOME THINGS ARE NEVER
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Team Manager Stuart Maynard oversees the entire football department at Wealdstone FC providing the academy set up with great synergy and a clear pathway from the Academy into the First team.

In addition, we also have a number of First Team coaches/players who couple their playing duties with coaching roles within the Academy. Our programme also opens up many potential pathways for players. Through work experience with Wealdstone Football Club, players also have the opportunity to gain experience in sporting fields such as coaching, physiotherapy, and personal training in line with their education course.

At Wealdstone we have a direct pathway into men's first team football at National League level, unlike many of the programmes of this kind that have no true affiliation to a senior Football Club.

UNDER 19'S



UNDER 23'S



FIRST TEAM



U19'S

We compete in the U19 National Youth Alliance, U19 Tactic League and the prestigious FA Youth Cup. For those invited to the Elite Development Squad there will be a number of showcase fixtures vs professional/semi professional teams.

PARTNERSHIPS WITH LOCAL ADULT FOOTBALL CLUBS

As students progress as footballers we have partnered with a number of neighboring football clubs to enable our students to progress into Adult football at an appropriate level.

- Brookhouse Football Club playing at Step 6
- Rayners Lane Football Club playing at Step 6
- Harefield United playing at Step 5
- Sparten Youth Step 7

U23 ELITE DEVELOPMENT SQUAD

The Wealdstone FC Elite Development Squad is a selective squad that enables players to combine both training and education with the primary purpose being for players to progress into the First Team.

the main aim being to secure a professional contract with the club.

Places are offered by invitation only. Our aim is to create a professional environment where players flourish to give them the best opportunity to progress into the first team and beyond.

Players get the chance to train with the First Team staff and players on a regular basis with

WEALDSTONE FC FIRST TEAM



Other alternative exit routes for our players include going onto University both in the UK and the USA on 'soccer' scholarships, as well as entering either professional and semi professional football, or even to go directly into the work place using the knowledge and skills gathered whilst on the programme.

HAREFIELD ACADEMY



The Harefield Academy has created a unique, new and exciting partnership with Wealdstone FC offering students the opportunity to study towards BTEC Sport or A Levels whilst training in an intensive Academy style football programme.



“Football is about sacrifice, dedication, a lot of work and friendship off the pitch.”

Cameron Mawer, Head of Player Development Wealdstone FC

BRUNEL UNIVERSITY SPORTS PARK



An outstanding environment for staff, students, partners, visitors and the wider community. Renowned for its excellent academic, social, recreational and residential facilities and a welcoming, vibrant and safe environment.



“Train like you have something to prove. Don't let sessions slip away and Don't take the easy way out. Do the hard work”

Dale Welch, Academy manager Brunel Campus

LOCATION: HAREFIELD ACADEMY

COURSES FOR 16 TO 18 YEAR OLDS

BTEC LEVEL 3 DIPLOMA IN SPORT

The most popular choice amongst Wealdstone Academy Students this course is designed to provide the opportunity to develop sporting ability to an elite level.

It provides opportunities for training alongside other academic studies as well as providing additional support and guidance to enhance sporting performance in terms of nutrition, sports psychology, fitness and conditioning. Most students then select an additional A-Level course to supplement their academic profile and point score in preparation for a university place.

BTEC LEVEL 3 NATIONAL EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN SPORT

The BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Sport is equivalent to 3-A levels. The qualification aims to provide a wide-ranging study of Sport.

It is designed for learners studying full time who wish to pursue a career in Sport primarily via higher education to access graduate entry employment with Sport, or through higher and degree level apprenticeships. The National Extended Diploma is a two-year, fulltime course.

Most universities will accept the BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma for entry onto degree courses without any additional Level 3 qualifications as long as the required grade is achieved.

START DATE: September 2023

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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS: Five GCSE's at grade 4 or above, including English Language and Maths (this will not prevent entry to the programme where learners demonstrate appropriate behaviours and attitudes towards their English and Maths development)*

DURATION: 2-years

AGE: For 16-18 year olds.

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DURATION: 2-years

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*ENGLISH & MATHS In addition to the level 3 diploma and national extended diploma, if students are yet to pass a qualification in English and/or Maths prior to starting their programme, they will be required to study one or both alongside their qualification. We know that English and Maths can be challenging and therefore the academy has invested in its resources to help students overcome that challenge.

LOCATION: HAREFIELD ACADEMY

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A-LEVELS

Advanced level qualifications (known as A-Levels) are subject-based qualifications that can lead to university, further study, training, or work. There are a large range of A-Levels available at the Harefield Academy including Maths, English, Business, Geography, Sociology and The Sciences.

Subject	Subject Requirements	Notes
Chemistry, Biology and Physics A-levels	87 7 7	Entry requirement Grade 7. Amend the notes to simply say "For Physics & Chemistry a 7 in GCSE Maths is also required. Subjects will be taught at Queensmead School.
Maths A-level	7	In Maths GCSE. Subject will be taught at Queensmead School
Geography A-level	6	In English GCSE and in Maths GCSE In GCSE Geography
Business Studies A-level	6 6	In Maths GCSE In English GCSE
Sociology A-level	5 5	In English GCSE In GCSE Sociology

START DATE: September 2023

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS: Five GCSE's at grade 4 or above, including in both English and Maths.

DURATION: 2-years **AGE:** For 16-18 year olds

COURSES FOR 16 TO 18 YEAR OLDS

The education, enrichment and qualifications of the following 2 courses are delivered by Virtual Learning UK, who provide and employ all teaching and enrichment staff. www.vluk.org

BTEC LEVEL 2 FIRST EXTENDED CERTIFICATE IN SPORT

The BTEC Level 2 First Extended Certificate is a 1 year course, equivalent to 3 GCSEs.

Upon the successful completion of this programme, candidates can choose to go onto the level 3 study programme, into employment or take up a subject related apprenticeship.

Level 2 First Sport Units include Practical Sports Performance, The mind in Sports, Performance, Training for Personal Fitness and Leading Sports Activities.

START DATE: September 2023 ENTRY

BTEC LEVEL 3 NATIONAL EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN SPORTS COACHING AND DEVELOPMENT

This qualification is designed for 16+ students aiming to progress directly to employment in the sports coaching and development sector and is equivalent to 3 A Levels.

In addition, the breadth of content in this qualification allows students to progress to a large variety of Higher Education and Degree level courses.

Level 3 Sports Coaching units include Health, Wellbeing & Sport, Applied Coaching Skills, Sports Psychology and Developing Coaching Skills.

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EDUCATION PROVIDER: Virtual Learning UK. www.vluk.org

REQUIREMENTS: Four GCSE's at grade 3 and above including English and Maths (This will not prevent entry to the programme where learners demonstrated appropriate behaviours and attitudes towards their English and Maths development*).

START DATE: September 2023 ENTRY

REQUIREMENTS: Five GCSE's at grade 4 or above, including English Language and Maths (This will not prevent entry to the programme where learners demonstrated appropriate behaviours and attitudes towards their English and Maths development*).

DURATION: 2-years.

EDUCATION PROVIDER: Virtual Learning UK. www.vluk.org

AGE: For 16-18 year olds.

COURSES FOR 16 TO 23 YEAR OLDS

NCFE LEVEL 3 DIPLOMA IN GYM INSTRUCTING & PERSONAL TRAINING



The NCFE Level 3 Diploma in Gym Instructing and Personal Training is intended for learners aged 16 and over and focuses on the role and scope of a Gym Instructor and Personal Trainer. The course covers the fundamentals and skills behind both theory and physical training preparing students for a career in personal training.

The qualification is mapped to the CIMSPA (Chartered Institute for the Management of Sport and Physical Activity) Gym Instructor and Personal Trainer professional standards.

START DATE: September 2023

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS: Five GCSE's at grade 4 or above, including one in English or Maths (this will not prevent entry to the programme where learners demonstrate appropriate behaviours and attitudes towards their English and Maths development), or a relevant Level 2 qualification, plus an ability to operate at Level 2 in either English or Maths. In addition, some experience of gym-based exercises, including free weights, is highly recommended. The course requires physical exertion and individual participation is essential; therefore, a degree of physical fitness is necessary.

DURATION: 1-year

AGE: For 16 - 23

COURSES FOR 16 TO 23 YEAR OLDS

NCFE GYM INSTRUCTOR LEVEL 2

The Gym Instructor level 2 teaches the knowledge and skills required to become a fitness instructor in gyms and fitness environments. The courses teaches students the fundamentals on how to instruct and evaluate within 1-1 individual fitness programmes.

The course opens pathways to higher education of progress further into a fitness background including level 3 personal training course.

The course requires physical exertion and individual participation is essential; therefore, a degree of physical fitness is necessary.

DURATION: From 6 months to 1 year



NCFE PRINCIPLES OF COACHING LEVEL 2

The Principles of coaching course will start the students journey within the coaching world. The course teaches the knowledge in understanding and developing skills in the principles of coaching as well as completing an F.A accredited coaching qualification.

The course opens pathways to higher education or directly into coaching rolls within your chosen sport.

DURATION: From 6 months to 1 year

AGE: For 16 - 23



COURSES FOR 18+

SPORTS COACHING BSc (HONS) DEGREE



The Sports Coaching BSc (Hons) Degree is designed to develop your key coaching skills and behaviours and to understand how our coaching styles and approaches influence our athletes. The sports coaching degree will develop skills such as long-term planning, reflective practice, conducting athlete need analysis and understanding pedagogy in different sports environments.

Combine your development in football at Brunel whilst studying a degree in Sports Coaching.

The academic programme is built as a 3 year pathway.

YEAR 1

Level 4 Higher National Certificate (HNC) in Sports & Exercise Science (Coaching Science)

YEAR 2

Level 5 Higher National Diploma (HND) in Sports & Exercise Science

YEAR 3

Higher Education - BSc (Hons) in Sports Coaching

It is designed to be flexible and allow you to leave at the end of any year with the qualifications you have achieved. You can also take a break in learning and return at a later date.

A typical offer would be CCC at A Level or DMM at BTEC. In addition, you will need to have studied physical education, sports science or science related subject at A Level, BTEC level 3 diploma or equivalent qualification.

EDUCATION PROVIDER: Universal Centre of Sport

COST: For more details on the course go to www.ucsport.org/syllabus

PLAYERS 18+



For talented footballers that are either studying at Brunel University, have finished studying or taking a break from education and are looking to focus full time on developing as a footballer we have a limited number of places available enabling you to train at the Academy.

The player will train 4 times a week as well as all the benefits of being within the Wealdstone FC academy environment including the player pathway from u19s through to first team.

DURATION: Minimum 1 month up to 1-year

AGE: For 18+,

COST: Fees apply contact us for more information.

TRAIN & PLAY LIKE A PRO
WEALDSTONE FC ACADEMY

INTERNATIONAL PLAYERS 17+

BE PREPARED FOR SUCCESS BY STUDYING ENGLISH WITH BRUNEL UNIVERSITY LANGUAGE CENTRE AND PLAYING FOOTBALL AT THE WEALDSTONE ACADEMY.



Welcoming International Students to come and learn English and Play football at the academy

Study on an intensive English course for 19 hours a week and train 3 times a week. In additional benefit from all the benefits of both life at Brunel University and being within the Wealdstone FC academy.

Language courses range from an intensive 2 week summer course to 1 years study at Brunel and start throughout the year.

- 19 hours of English tuition per week.
- Language classes limited to 14.
- General English, English for football and English for University.
- Stimulating and informative trips e.g. Wembley, Wimbledon, Theatres
- Free airport pick up from London's Heathrow Airport.

Football at the Wealdstone Academy

- 3 sessions a week.
- Professional UEFA A / B Licence coaches.
- Weekly football fixtures.
- Train and play with the Brunel University team.
- KELME Wealdstone kit.
- GYM access.

Opportunity to progress up through the Wealdstone academy player pathway from u19s to Wealdstone.

A variety of accommodation options are available at Brunel University and other locations nearby.

COSTS: Fees apply contact us for more information.

For more information go to www.brunel.ac.uk/international/language-centre/our-english-language-courses

MEET THE TEAM WEALDSTONE FC ACADEMY



STUART MAYNARD
Wealdstone FC First
Team Manager



MATT SAUNDERS
First Team Assistant
Manager



CAMERON MAWER
Head of Player Development



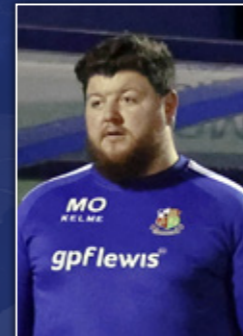
DALE WELCH
Head of Academy Brunel



CRAIG SAUNDERS
First team coach



KENNY MUTSAYNA
Academy Coach



MICHAEL OWEN
Sports Therapist



RACHEL HILL
Strength and
Conditioning Coach



JASON SCANNELL
Goalkeeping Coach



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ENQUIRIES

For more information or to apply for a place please contact the Wealdstone Academy at academy@wealdstonefc.com or call 07944 684782

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