



# ANNUAL SOCCER ACADEMY WITH EDUCATION

Soccer

English



High School



UK

Manchester

Bury FC

Goalkeeping



Soccer

Summer

Training



Año Escolar

Golf



## OVERVIEW

Choices have teamed up exclusively with Bury F.C. to provide a world-class soccer academy programme, delivered within a professional club environment and incorporating a wide range of Education programmes. The programme provides participants with the opportunity to develop their soccer skills within a world-class training programme; whilst providing the opportunity to combine this with excellent educational options.

### Why Choose?

Training within an elite, professional soccer environment and supported by top coaching staff, you will also be studying at the Academy education hub. This ensures that all soccer training and education activities take place within the Academy.

- Coaching provided within a professional club environment.
- Elite Bury FC coaching team.
- 1st-Class training facilities.
- Open & Closed Trials.
- Competitive Team Play.
- 1st-Class Education programmes.



## A PROFESSIONAL CLUB ENVIRONMENT

Bury Football Club is a professional Division 1 club based in the Northwest. Its Academy has a strong reputation for developing talented players within their Academy structure who have gone on to play for Bury FC and many top premier league teams such as Manchester United, Liverpool and Chelsea FC. Its Academy system is recognized as leading the UK, in terms of, developing talent and helping them to progress to the top-tier of UK football.



## TRAINING PHILOSOPHY

Bury F.C. training programme has been developed over many years of nurturing professional players. As such, it incorporates a range of training and match play activities designed to develop the physical, technical, tactical and mental strength required to perform at your best. On-pitch coaching and training activities are integrated with personalised strength and conditioning techniques, nutritional advice and sports medical support; as required.

Our coaching staff are members of Bury F.C. professional coaching squad and so provide exposure to the highest standards required of professional clubs.

## TRAINING FACILITIES

**BURY F.C.** boasts one of the premier soccer academy training facilities in the North West. Training takes place within the same training environment as the professional teams and the Youth team. It is the perfect place to experience a professional club environment, interact with all levels within the club and understand the levels of commitment required of the modern professional footballer.

### Facilities comprises:

- 5 x Full-size natural grass,
- 1 x 60mx40m third generation artificial turf
- 1 x 8v8 natural grass pitch
- 1x Fitness Suite (Cardiovascular, Resistance/ Strength, Cable and Free weights)
- Hydrotherapy pool
- Physiotherapy & Recovery Facilities
- Changing rooms/showers
- Meeting rooms
- Café Restaurant
- Video analysis room

## SOCCER TRAINING PROGRAMME

We offer two options:

Children who wish to have full-time professional training at Bury FC's academy, can only do so if deemed to be of a sufficiently professional level by the football club itself.

Alternatively, students can follow the soccer programme which consists of 2 hours daily coaching between 3.00 PM and 5.00 PM, from Monday to Friday. Strength & Conditioning training takes place at Carrington Training facilities. To complement this programme, we integrate a programme of competitive match play.

On a weekly basis the Choices squad will play matches against professional and semi-professional clubs, youth academies or development squads, or against local North West college teams.

### SOCCER TRIALS

To complement a rigorous training and match-play programme, we provide a programme of both closed trials for selected individuals based on performance over the programme, and participation in Open Trial events, held throughout the North West.

- **Closed Trials** are organized by Bury FC professional management for individuals displaying outstanding ability and strong performance over the course of the programme.
- **Open Trials.** All Choices Manchester participants are entered into open trial events that take place in the North West during the Winter, Spring and Autumn seasons. These trials provide our players with the opportunity to display their talents in front of invited professional & semi-professional club scouts & coaches.

#### KEY FACTS

LOCATION  
Manchester

DURATION  
9 months

AGE RANGE  
16-21

START DATES  
Academic year  
10<sup>th</sup> Septiembre 2017

academic terms  
10<sup>th</sup> Septiembre 2017  
7<sup>th</sup> January 2018  
1<sup>st</sup> April 2018

## ACADEMIC YEAR PROGRAMME

### HIGH SCHOOL

The academic year study abroad is aimed at students between 16 and 21 years old who wish to study at a high school for a period of 9 months in our academy, sharing the experience with the opportunity to live with a family.

Training within an elite, professional soccer environment and supported by top coaching staff. This ensures that all soccer training and education activities take place within the Academy.

- **Accommodation:** Students will live with a family, staying in nice bedrooms with an individual room. This will be another opportunity to get to know family life in England. Residential accommodation is also available for over 18's students.
- **Staff:** Our staff will be responsible for the needs of the child outside the classroom, trying to maintain contact with their family abroad and helping with any problems or welfare that may arise during the course of their stay.



## CHOICES FURTHER EDUCATION PROGRAMMES

Choices Education partners offer both A Level and BTEC L3 qualifications. These are the primary UK qualifications for entry into UK and international Higher Education. Both options are summarised below.

### A LEVELS



A-levels are the traditional qualifications that are offered by schools and colleges for students aged between 16 and 19. Short for Advanced Level, A-levels come after GCSEs. They usually focus on academic subjects, compared to vocational qualifications like BTECs and NVQs, which are more practical.

There are more than 40 different A-level subjects on offer – some will be subjects that you studied at GCSE and others may be new. You will typically need a minimum of 3 A Levels to enter a UK or international university.

A-levels are very highly valued by employers and universities so they can open up lots of doors to further study and careers. **This option is ONLY available online.**

### BTEC

BTEC stands for the Business and Technology Education Council. BTECs are specialist work-related qualifications. They combine practical learning with subject and theory content. Choices offer BTEC at Level 3, either alongside other academic qualifications or as part of a wider programme (such as an apprenticeship). You can also study a BTEC as a standalone course.



BTEC qualifications are flexible – you can take one alongside A levels in schools and colleges. They're also usually studied full-time, either in college or jointly between a school and a college.

In order to progress to a university degree, you will need to achieve either a BTEC L3 Diploma plus an additional A Level or a L3 Extended Diploma. Choices Education partners offer BTEC specialisation in either Business or Sport.

### BTEC & A-LEVELS COMPARISON

Although they are often compared against A Levels, there are varying levels of BTECs. Here's the breakdown:

- Level 3 BTEC Diploma – 2 x A Levels equivalent
- Level 3 BTEC Extended Diploma – 3 x A Levels equivalent

On the whole, **BTECs** tend to be more **vocational and practical**, which may suit both your learning style and what you want to do after you finish your studies. Subjects such as Business Studies, and Information Technology tend to be popular BTEC subjects. Meanwhile, **A Levels** provide you with **more traditional subjects**, such as English, Maths, History and so on.

You can study a combination of **BTECs and A Levels** in some colleges/schools. Most universities will require you to have three A Levels, but of course you can choose to study more.

Another big difference is that **A Levels** are geared towards big exams at the end of two years of studying, whereas BTECs are continually assessed throughout the course through coursework and practical projects. While **A Levels** are graded A\*-E, BTECs are awarded with Pass, Merit or Distinction.



Some universities will be happy with just one BTEC (which is equivalent to 3 A Levels), while others will require you to have at least one A Level alongside your BTEC. All you need to do is check the course you're thinking of applying for to see what the entry requirements are. You may also need to ask the university you're applying to (or UCAS) which grade (pass/merit/distinction) is required from your BTEC, if they only list A Level grades.

If you choose to study only one BTEC in a particular subject, it's very likely that the courses you can apply for at university will be restricted to the same or similar kind of subject. This is great if you know in advance exactly what you want to do, but it doesn't leave much room for changing your mind, so something to consider when you're picking your options.

## EDUCATION PROGRAMMES

Choices International provides a wide range of education programmes for those seeking to make a career in sport, or, for those with a wider career interest.

PROGRAMME	DESCRIPTION	START DATES
Pearson Higher National diploma	An L5 (University Year 1 & 2) programme which provides progression onto year 3 of mainstream UK and international universities. Choose from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sports Management</li> <li>• Sports &amp; Exercise Science</li> <li>• Business Management</li> </ul>	Academic Year (from September to July)
Berlitz NCC International Foundation Year + University Placement	An L3 programme designed to provide entry into year 1 of mainstream UK and international universities.	As above
A Levels	High School Placement at Bury Academy	September
English Language Classes/ IELTS	Flexible range of Berlitz English language programmes designed to improve language skills.	September
BTEC Diploma	This is a vocational course which explores different areas of employment in the sports sector.	September

Classes take place 9.00am – 1.00pm Monday – Friday .



### THE PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- Test assessment and Skype interview prior to admission.
- Daily soccer training according to the programme chosen.
- Orientation programme on arrival.
- Visa and acceptance letter.
- Accommodation during your stay.
- Chosen Academic programme (please see the list below).
- Student insurance for the duration of your stay
- Welfare and coordinator.
- Airport Transfers on Arrival & Departure at the start and end of the course.
- 24 hours emergency phone.
- Weekend competitive friendly games against a variety of levels of opponent from local colleges to professional academies.
- Reports & Feedback from coaches.
- Access to a fully equipped Gym at Bury training ground.

### THE PACKAGE DOESN'T INCLUDE:

- Accommodation during holidays periods or half terms.
- Airport transfers outside the start and end of the course.
- Personal expenses
- Guardianship during the course.
- Daily transfers to the training grounds.

### ACADEMIC PRICES:

PROGRAMME	PROFESSIONAL TRAINING	SOCCER TRAINING	DURATION
Pearson Higher National Diploma	£35,000 per annum	£30,000 per annum	2 Academic Years
NCC International Foundation Year + University Placement	£35,000 per annum	£30,000 per annum	1 Academic Year
A Levels	£35,000 per annum	£30,000 per annum	2 Academic Years
English Language Classes/ IELTS	£32,600 per annum	£27,600 per annum	1 Academic Year
BTEC Diploma	£35,000 per annum	£30,000 per annum	1 Academic Year
GUARDIANSHIP	£1,500		
DEPOSIT * *To be returned at the end of the course. Please take note that other fees like exam, accommodation deposit and miscellaneous additional fees will be deducted from the deposit.	£2,000		
REGISTRATION FEE * This amount would be deducted from the total amount of the course.	£7,500		

One Academic Year equates to 9 calendar months.

## SCHOOL FACILITIES

Berlitz is based directly in the heart of the city within close proximity to central tram, bus and rail links. Situated close the Manchester Central Library, Art Gallery and Town Hall, there are a host of cafes and restaurants to relax and socialise in. School facilities provide a modern, comfortable environment Facilities include 18 classrooms, an IT suite, a Café & Relaxation Area and a Library Resource centre. There is Wi-Fi throughout the college.

## EDUCATION SCHEDULE

Classes take place 9.00am – 1.00pm Monday – Friday.

## ACCOMMODATION

Students can choose from either home-stay accommodation or student residential (subject to availability).

- Homestay Accommodation is provided with local host families in the surrounding area. Host families provide Breakfast and an evening meal. They are an excellent way to provide a supportive environment within which to focus on your soccer programme. Students are expected to share a room with fellow students at host families. Students are expected to travel independently from host families to the school and training venues each day using public transport.
- Student Residential Accommodation is available in a range of locations; subject to availability at the time. Typical accommodation has ensuite shower facilities and sharing of living room and cooking facility. Students must be 18 years or over.

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