

Choices
International

BOARDING FOOTBALL ACADEMY



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OVERVIEW

Our aim is for every child to develop a positive and proactive attitude towards learning which will support them throughout their lives. Our strong academic, co-curricular, extracurricular and pastoral teams ensure that each individual has the opportunity to develop knowledge, confidence, self-esteem, good learning habits, and a moral sense within a busy and vibrant environment. This is enhanced by small class sizes and vibrant, imaginative teaching.

WHY CHOOSE US?

Students who attend our programme are encouraged to discover that they have attributes in areas where they perhaps least expected, thanks to the guidance given by the teachers. Students have the opportunity of learning many new skills and also competing at the highest level at inter-school, local, county and national level.

Football Academy:

- Links to the professional game.
- Unique coaching programme.
- Highly qualified and experienced staff.
- Proven record of developing players.



BOARDING

The school has two boarding houses, each with its own unique character but both offering safe, comfortable and structured accommodation. Both houses have been located off campus, as we believe it is vital for the students to have a break from school at the end of each day and at the weekend. This helps with relaxation and makes the boarding house a closer and more inclusive community in its own right.

In addition, being closer to the local community enables our international students to benefit from the true immersion experience, and helps with the development of their English language skills.

Some of the main features of boarding at our school are as follows:

- Male and female boarding for UK and overseas students from the age of 11 to 18 years of age.
- International students to represent no more than 10% of the entire student roll.
- English as the common language both in the boarding house and at school.
- The high standard of accommodation is an important consideration for students
- Large common rooms and have gardens and grounds extending to over 2 hectares.
- Many organised extra-curricular activities for all pupils.
- Separate common rooms for Juniors and Seniors.
- Wi-Fi throughout the boarding houses and in every room, with controls set by the school to forbid access to inappropriate sites.
- There are large, well-equipped common rooms with large screen TVs in both houses, together with games consoles, pool tables and other leisure activities.
- Breakfast and Dinner are served at the boarding houses by our own catering team
- Highly-experienced residential and non-residential staff manage both houses
- Excellent medical provision at both houses, including sick bays and isolation facilities.
- Weekend use of the extensive school facilities including swimming pool, sport centre, gym, music facilities and theatre.



BOARDING SCHOOL DAY & WEEKEND PROGRAMME



Boarding and day students enjoy a full programme of study and activities at school from Monday to Friday.

During the week students are mainly focused on their school work. The school timetable also includes activities such as music, drama, art and sport and in addition, there is an extensive range of clubs that take place across the two school sites. These can include football, horse riding, golf, gymnastics, swimming, tennis, kickboxing, rock band, singing and other activities such as the Duke of Edinburgh award scheme.

However, at the weekend there are various extra-curricular activities to enjoy:

- Regular trips to London and other large towns and cities.
- Theatre and cinema trips.
- Regular shopping trips to London, Ashford and elsewhere.
- Weekend use of the extensive schools' sports facilities including football pitches, tennis courts, swimming pools, badminton courts, basketball courts and fitness gym.
- Trips to 2 nearby golf courses and equestrian facilities.
- Regular trips to the beach in the summer months.
- Participation in competitive matches following selection by the school to various sports teams in particular rugby, football, netball, swimming, basketball, badminton, and hockey
- Private lessons in most sports including golf, horse riding, music, speech and drama can be arranged on request and will be chargeable extras.
- Weekend activities may vary from season to season dependent on various factors. In addition to these planned activities, all students also have the opportunity to use ICT at the boarding house, as well as sport and music facilities at the Senior School. Over the course of the year our aim is to provide students with a mix of cultural pursuits and exciting recreational activities. Teachers also take part in these activities and excursions in order to develop friendly relationships with the boarding community and interact with them outside the classroom.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Our aim is to provide a safe, friendly and fun boarding environment for international pupils, reflecting the qualities of a good home life, nurturing the young child and then guiding them through adolescence towards maturity. By fostering self-discipline and offering the opportunity to handle responsibility, we promote social confidence and assurance without arrogance.

Our experienced team of house staff operate under the supervision of the Head of Boarding and provide the care, comfort and support which are so important for the boarders' well-being and success. They ensure that all boarders feel that the boarding house is a 'home away from home', a relaxing environment with an extended family and friends, many of whom become friends for life.

International Requirements

In order to apply as an overseas student a number of conditions must be met.

- Choices International must conduct an interview with each student via Skype to be sure he has the minimum level of English required. As a general rule all students must be able to demonstrate that their English is at IELTS Level 4.5 or above.
- The school Headmaster must conduct a second interview with each student, to understand the student's attitude and aspirations as well as their command of the English language.
- Recent reports from a student's current school must be provided and these must demonstrate that the student can comfortably embark on the chosen academic programme. Students who have a poor attitude to study or have failed to comply with school rules will not be accepted.
- Students may be asked to sit further assessment tests in English, Maths and Science, either at school or online. The results of these tests may determine whether the student will be offered a place on the chosen course of study.
- In certain cases students will be accepted on the condition that they continue with 1:1 lessons in English whilst attending regular classes. This will be chargeable over and above the normal school fee.
- All application forms must be submitted with a £250.00 non refundable registration fee and a £3,000.00 refundable deposit.



STUDY OPTIONS FOR OVERSEAS STUDENTS



We offer a number of programmes for overseas students as follows:

- GCSE- 2 year course (age14 -16)
- GCSE-1 year course (subject to certain conditions)
- AS Level- 1 year course (age 16 – 18)
- A Level – 2 year course (age 16 – 18)
- EAL (English Language support)
- Pre – A Level Foundation – Year 11 (age 15-16)
- 3 year A-Level course

Language Programme

We offer a range of different language programmes during the academic year.

These programmes give the students an opportunity to develop their English skills and gain an insight into life in the UK.



FOOTBALL ACADEMY

Our Academy Director has used his 20 years' experience to create what we believe is the best opportunity for young players to realise their footballing dreams, whilst at the same time not just maintaining their academic grades, but excelling in them as well.

The unique curriculum provides the scholars with the tools to raise their game to trial level and with Jim's contacts in the game, doors can be opened in order to make that happen. None of the sessions clash with any academic lessons and so the boys are never playing catch up with their studies.

The facilities here are second to none and we are confident that the school will be a future centre of excellence, providing the perfect stage for football talent to be recognised.

The Academy scholars' programme is designed to offer each child a structure consisting of the key facets required to be a professional footballer. A talented footballer needs a balanced programme to help him succeed and we have that.

CAREER PATHS

All graduates are well placed for a wide range of roles in football even if they don't make the grade as a professional player. They can still work within the game in either development, coaching, scouting, performance analysis or research/education.

Suitable roles for graduates include:

- Football development officer
- Academy Coach
- Club scout
- Performance analyst
- Football education officer
- Commercial executive
- Club administrator
- Marketing executive
- Football research roles.
- Sports Psychology
- Sports Physiotherapy
- Sports Massage

OUR PHILOSOPHY

We are committed to creating a safe, happy and disciplined learning environment where all players are given the opportunity to strive for excellence, with support from school management, coaches and support staff, who set the highest standards at all times.

Players will work hard on their academic study, maintaining excellent results at all times. They will also work hard and show full commitment on the training field and conduct themselves professionally when representing the Academy or school. They will be taught to play an attractive brand of possession football, with a winning mentality throughout the school. We therefore recognise the need for all players to become skilled and confident technicians, who enjoy and are comfortable in possession of the football, whilst developing a real game understanding and a desire to learn along with an enduring love of the game.

“Quality is expected and effort is demanded”. We know that to succeed in today's professional game you will need to work hard, both on the pitch and in the classroom.

With links to a number of premieriership and championship clubs in England and abroad, our academy is truly international and is the best place to realise your dream of becoming a professional footballer. The new academy director, Jim Colston has helped develop players in the United Kingdom for such clubs as Crystal Palace, Arsenal, Chelsea and Brighton and Hove Albion and in Europe for FC Magdeburg and AC Milan.



PROGRAMME FEES

THE PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- Test assessment and Skype interview prior to admission.
- Soccer training according to the programme chosen.
- Induction 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 hour emergency phone.
- Competitive friendly games against a variety of levels of opponent from local colleges to professional academies.
- Reports & feedback from coaches.
- Training at Bolton Wanderers' training ground.

THE PACKAGE DOESN'T INCLUDE:

- Accommodation during the holiday period 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.

PROGRAMME PRICES:

PROGRAMME		DURATION
Football Academy Boarder	£35,000 per annum	1 Academic Year
	£12,000 per term	1 Term
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.	£3,000	
APPLICATION FEE * Non-refundable	£250	

One Academic Year equates to 9 calendar months.

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