



# ANNUAL SOCCER ACADEMY

WITH  
ACADEMIC STUDIES



THE COURSE IS THE VEHICLE, THE CAREER IS THE FOCUS

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## OVERVIEW

Choices have teamed up exclusively with Bolton Wanderers 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 combine developing their soccer skills within a world-class training programme with the excellent educational options we offer.

## WHY CHOOSE US?

We offer soccer training within an elite and professional environment; 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 coaching team.
- 1<sup>st</sup> class training facilities.
- Open & closed trials.
- Competitive team play.
- 1<sup>st</sup> class education programmes.



## A PROFESSIONAL CLUB ENVIRONMENT

Bolton Wanderers Club is a Premier League club based in the Northwest. Its academy has a strong reputation for developing talented players within their academy who have gone on to play for 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 young players to progress to the top-tier of UK football.

## TRAINING PHILOSOPHY

Bolton Wanderers F.C. training programme has been developed over many years by 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 to your very best. On-pitch coaching and training activities are integrated with personalised strength and conditioning techniques, nutritional advice and sports medical support.

Our coaching staff are members of Coaching Connexions professional coaching squad and so provide exposure to the highest standards required by professional clubs.

## TRAINING FACILITIES

**BOLTON WANDERERS F.C.** boasts one of the premier soccer academy training facilities in the Northwest. Training takes place within the same training environment as the professional teams and the Youth Team. It is an outstanding place to experience all levels of a professional club environment, and gives participants rare insight into the level 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

# CHOICES INTERNATIONAL HIGH PERFORMANCE SOCCER ACADEMY

## What is the purpose of the elite pro club experience with academic education?

- This is an opportunity for players to gain a professional experience in a professional environment and train like the elite. Coaches look to develop not only the player but the person with attributes such as the following.
- 1) Attitude 2) Respect 3) Professionalism 4) Effective Communication 5) Teamwork 6) Mentality.
- You will go through a training programme put together to develop individual and teams playing ability.
- You will become part of a team with players from all over the world. During this experience you will live, eat & train together while you look develop as a team.
- You will gain the opportunity to play in matches and showcase your abilities against other academies in the North West.
- Set personal benchmarks in testing days and receive feedback on how to improve.
- Be part of team seminars that enhance technical and tactical aspects of the game.
- Receive training kit.



## Train as the elite does!

### Our philosophy

- 'To develop the player, we develop the person first'.
- \*Brilliant at the basics.
- \*Winners within a winning environment.
- Fitter, faster and stronger.
- \*Confident with and without the ball.

Choices International is looking for players capable of representing themselves, their clubs and their countries to the highest standard whilst taking part in a training and academic programme within an international setting.

If you want to take your career to the next level, take part in our own new programme for elite players!

# ANUAL SOCCER ACADEMY PLUS EDUCATION

## ACADEMIC EDUCATION

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

Train within an elite, professional soccer environment and supported by top coaching staff,

- **Accommodation:** Students will live with a family and will be provided with individual room. This will give them the opportunity to get to know family life in England. Residential accommodation is also available for students over 18.
- **Staff:** Our staff will be responsible for the needs of the player outside the classroom, maintaining contact with their host family and helping with any issues that may arise during the course of their stay.



# CHOICES FURTHER EDUCATION PROGRAMMES

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

## ONLINE A-LEVELS



At Choices International we recognise the need to adapt to a modern world and the latest advances in education that it brings. That is why with our online A-Level courses, we are able to offer you an exciting and dynamically innovative way to study.

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 highly valued by employers and universities therefore they can open up many doors to further education and careers.

## 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 stand-alone course.



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 Business.

## BTEC & A-LEVELS COMPARISON

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

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

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**. 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 it's something to consider when thinking about 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
Online A-Levels	Distance Learning.	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





## 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
Pearson Higher National Diploma	£35,000 per annum	2 Academic Years
NCC International Foundation Year + University Placement	£35,000 per annum	1 Academic Year
A Levels	£35,000 per annum	2 Academic Years
English Language Classes/ IELTS	£35,000 per annum	1 Academic Year
English Language Classes/ IELTS	£12,000 per term	1 Term
BTEC Diploma (Level 3, 4, 5)	£35,000 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 in close proximity to central tram, bus, and rail links. Situated close to Manchester's Central Library, Art Gallery and Town Hall, there are a host of cafes and restaurants to relax and socialise in.

School provides excellent and modern facilities in a comfortable environment which include 18 classrooms, an IT suite, a café & relaxation area and a library resource centre. There is Wi-Fi throughout the college.

## ACCOMMODATION

Students can choose from either home-stay accommodation or student residential lodgings (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 the 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 a shared living room and cooking facility. Students must be 18 years or over.



## WHY MANCHESTER?



Manchester, the cradle of the Manchester United and Manchester City Premier League teams!

The 'so called' capital of the North, is a leading UK study destination, offering the advantages of a vibrant, up-and-coming city whilst at the same time being close to some of the most beautiful scenery in England. Manchester combines the sophistication and energy of a thriving metropolis with easy access to the stunning scenery of the Lake District and Wales. With two national parks on its doorstep - the Peak District and the Yorkshire Dales - it is the ideal place to learn English whilst experiencing both city and rural life.

Not only was Manchester voted the 'Best UK City to Live In' by the Global Liveability Survey in 2013, it also features in the 'World's Top 10 Friendliest Cities' as chosen by users of international travel guide, Rough Guides, and is the only UK city to be listed in the 'Top 10 Best Cities for 2016' by Lonely Planet.

With 3 major universities in the city, you will find a large international student population in Manchester, and a city whose bars and restaurants reflect its cultural diversity: sample the food of Chinatown, or try a spot of salsa dancing in a Latin-style café! Whether you are interested in visiting Manchester United`s football ground, attending a classical concert performed by the Hallé Orchestra, having a history lesson at one of Manchester`s museums, visiting the world`s oldest public library, or simply wanting to enjoy superb shopping, you will not be disappointed.

“ Manchester’s got  
everything except a  
beach ”

Ian Brown  
The Stone Roses

# ANNUAL SOCCER ACADEMY PLUS EDUCATION IN MANCHESTER



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