




Dartford FC Football Academy

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PLACES AVAILABLE FOR 2012 / 2013 SEASON



ACADEMY TRIALS

TRIAL DATE 1: Friday 17th February

TIME: 10am - 12noon

TRIAL DATE 2: Thursday 12th April

TIME: 10am - 12noon

TRIAL DATE 3: Friday 13th April

TIME: 10am - 12noon

TRIAL DATE 4: Thursday 7th June

TIME: 10am - 12noon

VENUE: Princes Park, Grassbanks, Darenth Road, Dartford, Kent DA1 1RT

To book your place at the trials please register details at www.scl-online.co.uk

The Dartford FC Football Academy reflects an ethos which combines the provision of sporting excellence with a full-time education programme.

FOOTBALL

- Compete in the Conference Youth Alliance League
- Professional coaching by UEFA 'A' and 'B' Licence Coaches
- Emphasis on progressing Academy players into the Reserve and First Team squad

EDUCATION

- 2-year programme
- Level 2/3 BTEC, NVQ & Diploma's in Sport
- Coaching Qualifications



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What is the Football Academy?

The Football Academy is a 2-year, full-time Education and Football Development programme delivered in partnership with Professional and Non-League Football Clubs.

Why join the Dartford FC Youth Academy?

The DFC Academy is the pinnacle of the football clubs development programme and the final stage of preparation prior to reserve and first team football. With our extensive youth system we have developed an outstanding reputation for nurturing talented players through the youth development system and into professional and Non-League Football. A key component to this success in 2012 will be the NEW & IMPROVED Dartford FC Academy held for the first time in-house with both academic and football delivery all in one place at the Stadium.

The Academy will play a fundamental role in Dartford FC's youth department which will strive to create a development culture with the primary function of developing players to compete in the first team squad. Here at Dartford FC, we are passionate about developing young footballers through the delivery of quality coaching, a unique and unrivaled education programme with the use of modern, state of the art facilities.

Players such as Charlie Sherringham (AFC Bournemouth), Cody MacDonald (Coventry FC) and Dave Martin (Derby FC) have all developed their football with the first team at Dartford Football Club before being signed by their respective professional clubs showing the calibre of player that the football club is producing.

Who can join the Academy?

Open to talented footballers aged between 16–18 years, the Academy Programme is a must for any football enthusiast. A playing trial will be required as places will be offered based on playing ability. Places at the Academy will be offered after each trial until the availability within the current Academy squad is filled.

Where will the Academy be held?

The Football training and Academic studies will be based at Dartford FC, Princes Park, Grassbanks, Darenth Road, Dartford, Kent DA1 1RT. The Football Club has an excellent range of facilities including: training and match pitches, full size portable goals and also the use of designated Academy classroom facilities. Academy home games will be played on the Stadium Pitch.

Academy Education

Over the 2-year programme Academy players will study a variety of National Recognised qualifications within the subject of Sport, Coaching & Fitness.

*The educational programme will include qualifications such as BTEC, NVQ and Diploma's, delivered at Level 2 and 3 (A-Level equivalence).

Successful completion of the educational programme will enable players to follow pathways into higher education at selected Universities and employment opportunities within the Sport and leisure industry, including coaching placements and playing scholarships in America.

**Qualifications and achievement levels offered may vary depending on each Academy preference.*

Who will deliver the Education?

SCL, a college and work based training provider will be responsible for the management and delivery of the educational element of the Academy. Currently working with over 35 Sixth Form Schools, Colleges and Football Academies in the South of England, SCL has over 10-years of experience delivering vocational and academic sports based qualifications. As part of a recent College OFSTED inspection SCL were awarded an 'Outstanding'. The SCL team consist of highly qualified and experienced Teachers, Assessors, Verifiers and FA Coach Educators.



Academy Football

All academy players will receive daily training involving individual and team coaching from highly Qualified FA coaches affiliated to the football club.

Players will receive guidance on individual football fitness, nutritional advice and a regular appraisal to monitor each player's development both on and off the pitch. Players will have the opportunity to represent the football club through the Academy, youth, college or reserve team, with the aim to progress into the first team or higher.

Tony Burman - First Team Manager

The scheme will be overseen by first team manager Tony Burman who will work closely with the Academy in developing players to senior level as part of both his and the Club's investment into the overall youth structure.

Simon Copley - Academy Manager

Simon Copley was a product of the 1992 / 93 Youth team, signing for the first team the following season when the club was "re-born" in 1993. 18 Years later and as an A-licence coach, Simon has had experience with Arsenal, Chelsea and now as a development coach at West Ham and is in his 5th year of running the scheme with Dartford FC. Simon has co-written the Club's development programme and is dedicated in ensuring the club's youth structure reaches its full potential.

His passion and a unique attitude towards youth development and player centred approach to coaching is in line with the Football Clubs aim of developing and progressing players into the reserve and first team squad. A vision shared by The Board of DFC.

Strength & Conditioning

As part of the Academy you will be expected to maintain a high level of physical fitness. All players will be assessed individually at the start of the season to determine postural & muscle imbalances and movement dysfunctions. Based on the assessment results, programme's will be tailored to meet the needs of the individual.

What are the Costs?

Both the Football and Educational element of the Academy is fully funded and therefore there is no cost to join the programme. There will be a subsidised cost for purchasing training kit at the start of the season. Further details will be provided upon the player's acceptance into the Football Academy.

Interested?

TO ARRANGE A TRIAL PLEASE CONTACT:

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