



FULHAM FC
Foundation

FOOTBALL & EDUCATION PROGRAMME



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At Fulham FC Foundation we provide the opportunity for both male and female students to be part of a competitive college football team, supporting both their football and academic development.

Our Football and Education programme provides student athletes with three weekly training sessions, along with a competitive fixture built into their academic timetable. These training sessions and fixtures are provided by UEFA B licensed coaches, and take place at our world class facilities that includes Fulham FC's First Team Training Ground.

Alongside the football element of the programme, student athletes will also study at our partner Sixth Form where they're able to undertake either A-Level or BTEC qualifications. Our education partner, Raynes Park Sixth Form was chosen because of their commitment to provide a high-quality academic pathway to our student athletes, which is demonstrated by their 'Good' Ofsted rating. The strong relationship we have with Raynes Park Sixth Form allows us to offer an exceptional academic, and footballing element of the programme.

We also provide a range of additional opportunities to support the footballing and personal development of our student athletes, helping them prepare for their next steps when they leave us. These include:

- Fulham FC and Fulham FC Women's match day experiences
- Training and friendly fixtures against Fulham FC and Fulham FC Women's U18's Teams
- Scholarship links to American Universities
- Careers events
- University visits
- Personal development workshops
- Access to a coach employability programme to support participant into coaching employment

Want to know what your timetable might look like? Your weekly football schedule will look something like the below, with your academic studies timetabled around these sessions:

Monday – Training session

Tuesday – Training session

Wednesday – Match Day

Thursday – Recovery & Analysis

Friday – Normal School Day



RAYNES PARK HIGH SCHOOL

Since 2016-17 Fulham FC Foundation have delivered our Football and Education programme in partnership with Raynes Park High School. The programme has continually grown, and now includes two male, and one female team. These teams play in either the 'Community and Education Football Alliance League' or 'The Tactics League'. These competitions are two of the most competitive leagues outside of academy football, and will provide every student athlete with a competitive environment to develop in.

Both the Male and Female teams train at Fulham FC's First Team Training Ground, providing them access to a Premier League Clubs facility on a regular basis. This is something that very few other 'Football & Education Programmes' can offer.

We chose to partner with Raynes Park High School due to their 'Good' Ofsted rating, as well as the opportunity they provide for student athletes to study either A-Levels or BTEC Qualifications. This is unlike many other post-16 college programmes where students can only study a sports BTEC. This demonstrates our commitment to both the football, and education side of the programme.



"I loved having the opportunities to play with the academy and seeing how much I need to improve to reach the elite level football, which motivates me to train and work harder in training."

Ashot, participant

"The Football and Education Programme has surrounded me with people who always encourage me to become the better version of myself. Not only in football, but also off the pitch."

J'naye, Participant

"Without Fulham FC Foundation or football, I don't think I would have furthered my education. But seeing and knowing the opportunities that can come along side education pushed me to take the next step with my learning."

Tyrell, participant

"Going on a trip to St George's Park and getting trained by world class coaches, as well as having the opportunity to play at Craven Cottage were my highlight of the programme, and something very few other people get to experience."

Joe, Participant

AS A RESULT OF ATTENDING OUR FOOTBALL & EDUCATION PROGRAMME:

98%

OF OUR PARTICIPANTS FELT THEIR FOOTBALLING SKILLS & KNOWLEDGE HAD IMPROVED

100%

OF OUR PARTICIPANTS FELT THE PROGRAMME IMPROVED THEIR PHYSICAL HEALTH

93%

OF OUR PARTICIPANTS FELT THE PROGRAMME CHALLENGED & DEVELOPED THEM

88%

OF OUR PARTICIPANTS FELT THE PROGRAMME HAD INSPIRED THEM TO CONTINUE THEIR EDUCATION





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MATCH DAYS

All Fulham FC Foundation Football and Education teams are affiliated to the EFL Community Alliance League or Tactics League which provides regular fixtures across the south of England.

The teams will also compete in a number of Cup Competitions across the year, against other EFL and Premier League clubs.

All games are recorded using state of the art VEO cameras to provide the student athletes with individual, and team video analysis sessions. This footage will also be used to assist players individual development plans.

COACHING TEAM

The Football and Education programme is supported by an experience and professional coaching team, made up of UEFA B licensed coaches who also have experience of working with the Fulham FC Academy.

Our coaching team is committed to both the footballing and academic development of the student athletes on the programme. This means our Head Coaches work closely with our Raynes Park's staff to support the players both on, and off the pitch.

EXIT ROUTES

Supporting and preparing all student-athletes for their next steps after they leave the programme is a key priority for Fulham FC Foundation.

From the outset, the Head Coach will work closely with each student to identify their interests and help them progress towards a future pathway that links to their interests.

Previous Football and Education graduates have gone on to undertake a range of higher and further education courses, apprenticeships and careers, alongside continued participation in football, both at home and abroad.



EXPERIENCE

Alongside the day to day football and education experiences provided to the student athletes. Fulham FC Foundation are committed to providing exceptional additional opportunities to support the players development, and to enhance their learning further. We believe that these additional opportunities provide the players with great opportunities to consider their next steps in life, and plan for what comes after the programme.

Previous experiences over the last few years have included:

- Playing on the pitch at Craven Cottage.
- American scholarship & coaching opportunities.
- Training matches and experiences with the FFC and FFCW U18's team.
- University visits.
- Links to our coaching placement programme,
- 'Made in Fulham'.
- Career events and workshops.
- Personal development workshops.
- FFC, FFCW, and U21's match day tickets

FOOTBALL & EDUCATION ALUMNI



DYLAN PAYNE
F&E STUDENT, 2018 – 2020

1. What was your favourite memory of the programme?

Being able to train together every day and then having a weekly match was my highlight of the programme. As a whole being able to bond with my teammates and then attend sixth form with them provided some good friendships and made my experience really enjoyable.

2. What did you do after leaving the programme?

I went to Loughborough University to study a Sports and Exercise Science Undergraduate Degree. Within that, I completed a year of work experience as a sports science intern with the Fulham FC U21's Squad.

I am now working as a fitness coach with the Fulham FC Academy (U9's – U12's), alongside studying a masters degree at St. Marys University.

3. How did the F&E programme help you get to where you are today?

It provided me with a great education and helped me develop a strong sense of what I wanted to do in the future. The teachers and coaches really helped me understand what I needed to do to prepare myself for a job within football.

I believe the F&E programme really allowed me to progress into this field of work through providing a base of good education while familiarising me with a footballing environment.



JOE WALTERS
F&E STUDENT, 2023 – 2024

1. What was your favourite memory of the programme?

Going on the pre-season tour with the Fulham FC U18's to Portugal, and then going on trial with them for 8 weeks.

2. What did you do after leaving the programme?

I have just left the programme to sign with Fulham FC's U18's team after having a successful trial with them, which I was able to have thanks to the F&E programme.

3. How did the F&E programme help you get to where you are today?

Not only did it provide me the chance to trial with the Fulham FC U18's, but it also helped me improve as a footballer and learn to play the 'Fulham Way' which set me up to be successful during my trial.

It also supported me with my school qualifications and provided me with university visits to help prepare me for the future.



SILVA LOPEZ
F&E STUDENT, 2015 – 2017

1. What was your favourite memory of the programme?

Getting to play at Fulham FC's Stadium (Craven Cottage) during the end of year celebration event. This is something so few people get to do and was an amazing experience.

2. What did you do after leaving the programme?

I went to Loughborough University to study while also continuing my coaching with the university team. I have since started working as a coach on the F&E programme and am currently one of the assistant coaches with our Raynes Park team.

3. How did the F&E programme help you get to where you are today?

It helped me gain my FA Level 1 Coaching Qualification, along with some practical coaching experience which has now allowed me to become a contracted coach, employed to work on the programme.





FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. How do I register my interest to join the Football & Education Programme?

A. Complete the register your interest form, via the QR code opposite. This will allow you to express your interest in either/ both of our programmes. Once you have completed this form, a member of the Football & Education team will be in contact to inform you of when our next recruitment event is.



You can also email our team via footballandeducation@fulhamfc.com to express your interest in the programme.

Q. What age do I need to be to apply?

A. While you can complete the register your interest form at any age, this programme runs in partnership with Raynes Park Sixth Forms and so you will need to be in Year 11 when applying to join. When joining the programme, you will need to be starting sixth form or college.

Our recruitment events will be aim at Year 11 students up until Easter each year, then from May Half Term we will open them up to current Year 10 students who are interested in the programme.





Q. What are your recruitment events, and when are they held?

A. Our recruitment events are run every holiday period and provide you the opportunity to meet our coaches, demonstrate your footballing ability, and to learn a little bit more about the programme.

Q. What happens after the recruitment events?

A. In the week after our recruitment events, the Head Coach from the programme you are interested in joining will be in contact with you via email. If the Head Coach would like you to join the programme then they will send you an email explaining this, and included within this email will be your next steps on how to apply via the Sixth Form. Please be aware that to join the programme you must have an offer from Fulham FC Foundation, as well as being accepted into the relevant Sixth Form.

If you haven't been accepted at this stage then the Head Coach might invite you to further recruitment events so that they can see you play again.

Q. Can I attend more than one recruitment event?

A. Yes. Even after receiving an offer from the Head Coach we'd encourage you to attend as many of our recruitment events as possible. This will help you get to know the programme and our coaches better. Over the year our recruitment events will also run in different formats. The first few will be football tournaments, before they become either training sessions, or friendly fixtures.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS *Continued...*

Q. How will I know if I've been accepted into the programme?

A. After completing the application form on the Raynes Park website, they will be in direct contact with you to arrange the competition of your paperwork and organise your interview.

Fulham FC Foundation are not involved in this process, but are always here to support you throughout it. If you have any difficulties during the process then please reach out to our Head Coaches and they will be able to offer support.

Q. Will I receive training and match kit?

A. Yes. Each student athlete will be provided with a training kit for each year they are on the programme. This will be theirs to keep. You will also be provided a match kit each year, however this must be returned at the end of the season.





Q. What other opportunities are provided via the programme?

A. We are keen to make sure that all our student athletes are supported and prepared for when their time comes to leave the programme. As such, we provide a number of additional opportunities and different exit routes to support our students' athletes. Some examples of the additional opportunities provided this year are:

- Made in Fulham Coaching Programme Visit here to find out more - <https://www.fulhamfc.com/madeinfulham/>
- American/European scholarship opportunities.
- American University coaching opportunities.
- English University visits and links.
- Career Workshops.

Q. How does this programme link to Fulham FC?

A. Not only does the programme provide you regular opportunities to train/play at Fulham FC's First Team Training Ground but we'll also provide you:

- Training sessions provided by FFC Academy coaches.
- Opportunities to engage with the FFC & FFCW U18's team throughout the season.
- Opportunities to attend FFC, FFCW, and FFC U21s fixtures.

Q. When does the programme start?

A. Pre-season training will start in July. Everyone accepted onto the programme will be sent the specific information regarding this by our coaching team.

Q. Who shall I contact if I have any other questions?

A. Please contact us at any time via footballandeducation@fulhamfc.com or for further information please visit our website at www.fulhamfc.com/foundation/what-we-do/football-and-education/



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