

The WBA Foundation U19s - elite football and education programme gives 16 - 18 year olds the opportunity to represent WBA and gain nationally recognised qualifications through our elite football and education programme.

The WBA Foundation U19s scholarship with WBA, Sandwell College and Smethwick Exercise4Less.

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FOOTBALL OVERVIEW

Students will represent the baggies in the FA National U19 Youth Development League against sides such as Chelsea, Burnley, Crystal Palace and Sunderland.

The competition is exclusively for development teams from Premier League and Football League clubs, meaning the football experience is close to Academy football as possible.

Home games are currently played at WBA's Academy, ensuring scholars develop their football skills in first-class environment.

TRAINING

Students will train up to seven times per week focusing their technical, tactical and analytical skills and fitness with full-time UEFA A and B qualified coaches, mirroring the training schedule of players at professional Academies.

Each player will be provided with official WBA training kit.

PERFORMANCE & MATCH ANALYSIS

Using footage recorded by FilmMyMatch, students will have the opportunity to watch back fixtures for detailed analysis with the coaching team.

STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING

With the physical demands placed on players in football and training games, elements of training place emphasis on physical development, transferring improvements from gym to pitch. Our strength and conditioning coach will develop the player's physical capacity in the state of the art Exercise4Less facilities.

PHYSIOTHERAPIST

Every training session player's will have a physiotherapist to support them with injuries and rehabilitation training plans to speed up recovery back to full fitness.

NUTRITION

Players will receive advice on nutritional regimes that will allow for optimal performance to assist preparation and recovery from training and games, including guest masterclasses.

EDUCATION OVERVIEW

The Academic programme will be delivered at West Bromwich Albion Home Stadium, The Hawthorns. It allows students to be inspired while they develop the essential skills, knowledge and qualifications required to progress into a career in sport and leisure, either directly, or through higher education.

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Sport is a refreshing and challenging vocational course delivered by Sandwell College full qualified and experienced tutors.

Classes are delivered over a period of two-years and a mixture of theory and practical sessions and assessed through external exams, observed practical assessments, written reports, presentations, discussions, case studies and workbooks.

The course is equivalent to three 'A' levels which means upon completion of the course students can choose whether to get a job straight away or go into higher education.

Scholars will also be given the opportunity to gain an FA Level 1 in Football Coaching.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Potential career pathways include, but are not limited to:

- Sports coaching
- Sports science
- Physiotherapy
- Sports medicine
- Personal training
- Sports journalism

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Minimum of 5 GCSEs including either GCSE English or GCSE Maths.