



WEALDSTONE FC ACADEMY PROSPECTUS 2025/2026



**FOOTBALL
AND EDUCATION
OPPORTUNITIES FOR 16
TO 23 YEAR OLDS**

OUR ACADEMY PARTNERS



MISSION STATEMENT

To create an environment for **16-23 year olds** to progress within both sports and education surrounded by first class facilities and resources.

To help talented footballers make progress in their football careers with the goal of guiding them to play for the Wealdstone FC first team and beyond, whilst continuing with their academic studies.





LEARN TRAIN PLAY

WITH THE **WEALDSTONE FC**
ACADEMY

The **Wealdstone FC Academy** is a **sports and education programme** run in partnerships between Vanarama National League side Wealdstone FC, Harefield School, Harrow College & Brunel University.

Our vision is clear: to create an environment for 16-23-year-olds to progress within both sports and education surrounded by first class facilities and resources. Indeed Club Chairman Rory Fitzgerald and Matt Taylor have a 5 year goal of having half the first team developed from the academy system.

We offer a large range of education options including BTEC Level 3 qualifications, Level 1&2 Diplomas and Degree Level qualifications. Students will also benefit from working with UEFA Pro A & B License coaches, current and ex professionals and playing in the National League Under 19 Alliance league – the highest ranked league outside of the professional game for this age group in the United Kingdom, as well as our network of local partner clubs.


We strive to give all of our players more opportunities and greater experiences designed to help them progress on and off the pitch. We aim to not only develop the players as footballers, but as individuals.

Our first-class facilities make all our programmes possible and they are some of the best available within the sports and education space.

These facilities include access to the 4,000-person capacity Stadium at Grosvenor Vale, 3Gs Astros, gymnasiums, as well as classrooms fully equipped with the latest educational technologies.

Our training philosophy improves players in all aspects of the game, educating Wealdstone Academy players both technically and tactically. In our opinion our programme gives our players the best opportunity to improve their game across all aspects. We strive to build highly motivated, resilient and determined individuals as well as players that are highly competitive and skilled in both attacking, defending and transition.

A huge part of the academy's aims is teaching young players to take ownership of their own development to create lifelong habits. Every academy member is provided with a gym programme, allowing time to take part in additional individual training drills and analyse video clips of their own performance via access to the cutting-edge technology the Club employs through VEO. They are tasked with identifying their own personal goals, whilst the coach supplements these with team goals.



We are proud of the work we do every day with all the Wealdstone Academy players, giving them the opportunities to enter further education at University level, whether that be at Brunel University, other universities in the UK or on 'soccer' scholarships in the United States of America, as well as helping them develop the functional skills to enter the work place directly.

Students are engaged at all different levels with the club from doing work experience, playing matches against the other academy teams, talks regarding their career opportunities, diet & nutrition to attending first team matches as well as playing and training in the Wealdstone kit.

WHAT WE OFFER WEALDSTONE FC ACADEMY

To develop our academy players we deliver the most relevant and cutting-edge games model, individual player model, team training model and principles of play, which focus on high performance, high challenge, and high support

- ⚽ 3 State of the art facilities.
- ⚽ Progressive development models.
- ⚽ Individual learning plans and objectives.
- ⚽ UEFA-licensed coaches, current and ex-professionals.
- ⚽ Outstanding educational provision.
- ⚽ Access to expert tutors.
- ⚽ Excellent player-care support
- ⚽ Regular player reviews.



“Football is like life, it requires perseverance, self-discipline, hard work, sacrifice & respect for authority.”

Matt Taylor, Wealdstone FC Manager

- ⚽ Access to VEO for video analysis.
- ⚽ Social media coverage.
- ⚽ A variety of competitive high-quality fixtures.
- ⚽ Technical and tactical sessions planned with a multi-disciplinary approach.
- ⚽ Gym training and programme.
- ⚽ Access to Saturday adult football at an appropriate level.
- ⚽ Pre, mid, and post-season fitness testing.
- ⚽ Specialist goalkeeper training.



KELME

**LEAVE
YOUR
MARK**

The Wealdstone Academy have again teamed up with Spanish football brand Kelme to be the Academy's official teamwear partner for the 2023/24 season.

All of the Wealdstone Academy products are available for purchase at wealdstonefcstore.co.uk/collections/academy





TACKLING GLOBAL CHALLENGES

At Brunel University London, we're proud to sponsor Wealdstone FC. We're providing support to nurture the next generation of players. From West London partnerships to global research projects, we're helping to kickstart businesses and tackle some of the world's biggest challenges. All from our campus in Uxbridge.



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PLAYER PATHWAY WEALDSTONE FC ACADEMY



Team Manager Matt Taylor oversees the entire football department at Wealdstone FC providing the academy set up with great synergy and a clear pathway from the Academy into the First team.

In addition, we also have a number of First Team coaches/players who couple their playing duties with coaching roles within the Academy. Our programme also opens up many potential pathways for players. Through work experience with Wealdstone Football Club, players also have the opportunity to gain experience in sporting fields such as coaching, physiotherapy, and personal training in line with their education course.

At Wealdstone we have a direct pathway into men's first team football at National League level, unlike many of the programmes of this kind that have no true affiliation to a senior Football Club.

[UNDER 19'S](#)



[UNDER 23'S](#)



[FIRST TEAM](#)



U19'S

We compete in the U19 National Youth Alliance, U19 Tactic League and the prestigious FA Youth Cup. For those invited to the Elite Development Squad there will be a number of showcase fixtures vs professional/semi professional teams.

PARTNERSHIPS WITH LOCAL ADULT FOOTBALL CLUBS

As students progress as footballers we have partnered with a number of neighboring football clubs to enable our students to progress into Adult football at an appropriate level.

- Brookhouse Football Club playing at Step 6
- Rayners Lane Football Club playing at Step 6
- Harefield United playing at Step 5
- Sparten Youth Step 7

U23 ELITE DEVELOPMENT SQUAD

The Wealdstone FC Elite Development Squad is a selective squad that enables players to combine both training and education with the primary purpose being for players to progress into the First Team. The Current U23s are part of the National Football Youth League Southern Premier Division

Players get the chance to train with the First Team staff and players on a regular basis with the main aim being to secure a professional contract with the club.

Places are offered by invitation only. Our aim is to create a professional environment where players flourish to give them the best opportunity to progress into the first team and beyond.

WEALDSTONE FC FIRST TEAM



Other alternative exit routes for our players include going onto University both in the UK and the USA on 'soccer' scholarships, as well as entering either professional and semi professional football, or even to go directly into the work place using the knowledge and skills gathered whilst on the programme.

HAREFIELD SCHOOL



The Harefield School has created a unique, new and exciting partnership with Wealdstone FC offering students the opportunity to study towards BTEC Sport or A Levels whilst training in an intensive Academy style football programme.

HARROW COLLEGE



As a key member of one of England's biggest college groups, HRUC, and in an ideal location, Harrow College provides students with an exceptional educational experience, along with the opportunity to progress through Wealdstone Academy pathways and potentially reach the first team.

BRUNEL UNIVERSITY SPORTS PARK



An outstanding environment for staff, students, partners, visitors and the wider community. Renowned for its excellent academic, social, recreational and residential facilities and a welcoming, vibrant and safe environment.



Cameron Mawer
Head of Player Development
Wealdstone FC



Dale Welch
Head of Academy,
Brunel University
Campus

COURSES FOR 16 TO 18 YEAR OLDS

PEARSONS BTEC SPORT LEVEL 3

Studying BTEC Sport Level 3 offers a comprehensive and engaging approach to understanding the multifaceted world of sports. This qualification is ideal for students who are passionate about sport and seek to develop both theoretical knowledge and practical skills applicable to various careers within the industry.

Pursuing this course cultivates essential competencies in areas such as sports coaching, exercise science, and sports management, thereby equipping students for a plethora of occupational pathways.

Course Outline

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Sport - equivalent to 3 A levels

BTEC Extended certificate - equivalent to 2 A levels

PEARSONS BTEC HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE LEVEL 3

Pursuing a Level Three BTEC in Health and Social Care offers students a comprehensive understanding of the complexities of health and social care systems. The course content encompasses vital areas such as human development, safeguarding, and effective communication in care settings, equipping learners with the essential skills and knowledge to excel in this vital sector.

Moreover, the programme provides practical experiences and a context for theoretical application, fostering both personal and professional growth.

BTEC Diploma - equivalent to 1 A Level

The BTEC Sport qualification is recognised by a wide range of universities and employers, making it an excellent stepping stone for those aspiring to excel in the competitive field of sports. By choosing BTEC Sport Level 3, students lay a solid foundation for a rewarding career in the sporting sector. Graduates can consider roles in personal training, sports development, and fitness instruction, or even advance to higher education, potentially specialising in areas like sports therapy and health promotion

START DATE: September 2025

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS: Grade 5 or above in GCSE PE or Merit in BTEC sport (but must include the minimum of a merit in the Unit 1 exam). 5 x GCSE passes at Grade 4 and above including English and Maths.

Students are well-prepared for a variety of career paths, including roles as social workers, healthcare assistants, or nursing professionals. Furthermore, the qualification serves as a robust foundation for further academic pursuits, such as university degrees in nursing, social work, or public health. Consequently, the Level Three BTEC in Health and Social Care is an excellent choice for those aspiring to make a meaningful impact in the health and social care landscape.

START DATE: September 2025

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS: 5 x GCSE passes at Grade 4 and above including English and Maths.

LOCATION: HAREFIELD SCHOOL

COURSES FOR 16 TO 18 YEAR OLDS

A-LEVELS

Harefield Sixth Form offers a wide range of A Level courses. We recommend that students take 3 subjects at A Level.

In order to begin any of the A Level courses offered by Harefield Sixth Form, students must achieve the following grades at GCSE.

Conditional offers for the Sixth Form will be confirmed upon receipt of GCSE results in August 2025.

STUDENTS WISHING TO FOLLOW A LEVEL 3 PROGRAMME OF STUDY AT HAREFIELD SCHOOL MUST HAVE 5 GRADES 4 (OR EQUIVALENT) OR ABOVE INCLUDING ENGLISH AND MATHS.

Subject	Entry Requirements
English Literature	Grade 6 or above in English Literature and English Language
Maths	Grade 7 or above in Maths GCSE
Biology	Grade 6 or above in GCSE Biology and grade 6 or above in GCSE Maths (students on the combined science course would need to achieve grade 6-6 minimum)
Chemistry	Grade 6 or above in GCSE Chemistry and Maths (students on the combined science course would need to achieve grade 6-6 minimum)
Geography	Grade 6 or above in GCSE Geography
History	Grade 6 or above in History and English
Sociology	Grade 5 and above In English
Media Studies	Grade 5 or above in English and 6 or above in Media(if taken).
Business studies	Grade 6 or above in GCSE Chemistry or Distinction* in BTEC Business. If Business has not been studied at Level 2, we require a GCSE English and Maths at grade 6.

As per the EFSA guidance for funded education for 16 to 19 years old, the core aim of Harefields study programme is the completion of three A level courses



PLAYERS 18+

TRAIN & PLAY LIKE A PRO WEALDSTONE FC ACADEMY



For talented footballers that are either studying at Brunel University, have finished studying or taking a break from education and are looking to focus full time on developing as a footballer we have a limited number of places available enabling you to train at the Academy.

The player will train 4 times a week as well as all the benefits of being within the Wealdstone FC academy environment including the player pathway from u19s through to first team.

DURATION: Minimum 1 month up to 1-year

AGE: For 18+,

COST: Fees apply contact us for more information.



COURSES FOR 16 TO 18 YEAR OLDS

The education, enrichment and qualifications of the following 2 courses are delivered by Virtual Learning UK, who provide and employ all teaching and enrichment staff. www.vluk.org

BTEC LEVEL 2 FIRST EXTENDED CERTIFICATE IN SPORT

The BTEC Level 2 First Extended Certificate is a 1 year course, equivalent to 3 GCSEs.

Upon the successful completion of this programme, candidates can choose to go onto the level 3 study programme, into employment or take up a subject related apprenticeship.

Level 2 First Sport Units include Practical Sports Performance, The mind in Sports, Performance, Training for Personal Fitness and Leading Sports Activities.

START DATE: September 2025 ENTRY

EDUCATION PROVIDER: Virtual Learning UK.
www.vluk.org

REQUIREMENTS: Four GCSE's at grade 3 and above including English and Maths (This will not prevent entry to the programme where learners demonstrated appropriate behaviours and attitudes towards their English and Maths development*).

BTEC LEVEL 3 NATIONAL EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN SPORTS COACHING AND DEVELOPMENT

This qualification is designed for 16+ students aiming to progress directly to employment in the sports coaching and development sector and is equivalent to 3 A Levels.

In addition, the breadth of content in this qualification allows students to progress to a large variety of Higher Education and Degree level courses.

Level 3 Sports Coaching units include Health, Wellbeing & Sport, Applied Coaching Skills, Sports Psychology and Developing Coaching Skills.

START DATE: September 2025 ENTRY

REQUIREMENTS: Five GCSE's at grade 4 or above, including English Language and Maths (This will not prevent entry to the programme where learners demonstrated appropriate behaviours and attitudes towards their English and Maths development*).

DURATION: 2-years.

EDUCATION PROVIDER: Virtual Learning UK.
www.vluk.org

AGE: For 16-18 year olds.

* ENGLISH & MATHS in addition to the main qualification aim, if students are yet to pass a qualification in English and/or Maths prior to starting their programme, they will be required to study one or both alongside their qualification. We know that English and Maths can be challenging and therefore the academy has invested in its resources to help students overcome that challenge.

COURSES FOR 16 TO 23 YEAR OLDS

**NCFE LEVEL 3 DIPLOMA IN GYM
INSTRUCTING & PERSONAL TRAINING**



The NCFE Level 3 Diploma in Gym Instructing and Personal Training is intended for learners aged 16 and over and focuses on the role and scope of a Gym Instructor and Personal Trainer. The course covers the fundamentals and skills behind both theory and physical training preparing students for a career in personal training.

The qualification is mapped to the CIMSPA (Chartered Institute for the Management of Sport and Physical Activity) Gym Instructor and Personal Trainer professional standards.

START DATE: September 2025

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS: Five GCSE's at grade 4 or above, including one in English or Maths (this will not prevent entry to the programme where learners demonstrate appropriate behaviours and attitudes towards their English and Maths development), or a relevant Level 2 qualification, plus an ability to operate at Level 2 in either English or Maths. In addition, some experience of gym-based exercises, including free weights, is highly recommended.

The course requires physical exertion and individual participation is essential; therefore, a degree of physical fitness is necessary.

DURATION: 1-year

AGE: For 16 - 23

COURSES FOR 16 TO 23 YEAR OLDS

NCFE GYM INSTRUCTOR LEVEL 2

The Gym Instructor level 2 teaches the knowledge and skills required to become a fitness instructor in gyms and fitness environments. The courses teaches students the fundamentals on how to instruct and evaluate within 1-1 individual fitness programmes.

The course opens pathways to higher education of progress further into a fitness background including level 3 personal training course.

The course requires physical exertion and individual participation is essential; therefore, a degree of physical fitness is necessary.

DURATION: From 6 months to 1 year



NCFE PRINCIPLES OF COACHING LEVEL 2

The Principles of coaching course will start the students journey within the coaching world. The course teaches the knowledge in understanding and developing skills in the principles of coaching as well as completing an F.A accredited coaching qualification.

The course opens pathways to higher education or directly into coaching rolls within your chosen sport.

DURATION: From 6 months to 1 year

AGE: For 16 - 23



COURSES FOR 18+

SPORTS COACHING BSc (HONS) DEGREE



The Sports Coaching BSc (Hons) Degree is designed to develop your key coaching skills and behaviours and to understand how our coaching styles and approaches influence our athletes. The sports coaching degree will develop skills such as long-term planning, reflective practice, conducting athlete need analysis and understanding pedagogy in different sports environments.

Combine your development in football at Brunel whilst studying a degree in Sports Coaching.

The academic programme is built as a 3 year pathway.

YEAR 1

Level 4 Higher National Certificate (HNC) in Sports & Exercise Science (Coaching Science)

YEAR 2

Level 5 Higher National Diploma (HND) in Sports & Exercise Science

YEAR 3

Higher Education - BSc (Hons) in Sports Coaching

It is designed to be flexible and allow you to leave at the end of any year with the qualifications you have achieved. You can also take a break in learning and return at a later date.

A typical offer would be CCC at A Level or DMM at BTEC. In addition, you will need to have studied physical education, sports science or science related subject at A Level, BTEC level 3 diploma or equivalent qualification.

EDUCATION PROVIDER: Universal Centre of Sport

COST: For more details on the course go to www.ucsport.org/syllabus

COURSES FOR 16 TO 18 YEAR OLDS

BTEC LEVEL 1 INTRODUCTORY DIPLOMA IN SPORT

The program provides up-to-date, high-quality training for 16-18-year-olds wanting to start a sports and leisure industry career. Some of the topics you'll study include:

- Taking Part in Sports Activities
- How the Body Works
- Working in Sport
- Exercise and Fitness

START DATE: September 2025

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS: There are no formal entry requirements but we will assess your level of English and maths to make sure you are working at Entry Level 3 or above.

DURATION: 1-year

AGE: For 16-18 year olds.

OCR LEVEL 2 CAMBRIDGE TECHNICAL DIPLOMA IN SPORT - FOOTBALL ACADEMY

All full-time students will have a personal tutor and access to various enrichment activities. Your course will allow you to develop skills in numeracy, literacy and communication, including speaking and listening skills.

- Unit 1: Fitness Testing and Training
- Unit 2: Practical Sport
- Unit 7: Planning and Leading Sports Activities
- Unit 8: Technical Skills and Tactical Awareness for Sport
- Unit 10: Nutrition for Sports Performance)
- Unit 11: Development of Personal Fitness
- Unit 20: Planning and running a Sports Event

START DATE: September 2025

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS: 4 GCSE grades 3/4 preferably including English and/or maths or a Merit on a relevant level 1 qualification. - Places are subject to a successful football trial. - You must have a keen interest in football and coaching.

DURATION: 1-year

AGE: For 16-18 year olds



LOCATION: HARROW COLLEGE

COURSES FOR 16 TO 18 YEAR OLDS

BTEC LEVEL 3 NATIONAL EXTENDED CERTIFICATE IN SPORT, FITNESS AND PERSONAL TRAINING

The course consists of a variety of units that cover various aspects of sport, fitness and physical activity with a particular focus on fitness and gym based practice.

START DATE: September 2025

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS: 4 x GCSEs grade 9-4 (grade A- C) including English & Maths or a relevant Level 2 qualification at merit or above. Students who have 3 x GCSEs grade 9-4 (grade A- C) including English and Maths should apply and will be interviewed.

DURATION: 1-year

AGE: For 16-18 year olds



BTEC LEVEL 3 FOUNDATION DIPLOMA IN SPORT

This course is for students with a proven playing ability, selected at trials, who seek a first class education

START DATE: September 2025

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS: hold 5 GCSEs at grade 9-4 including maths and English or a Level 2 qualification at merit or above

DURATION: 1-year

AGE: For 16-18 year olds





HARROW COLLEGE IS PROUD TO BE WORKING WITH WEALDSTONE FC.

Join us in September 2025! Places are available on courses and apprenticeships at Harrow College including our Wealdstone Football Academy programme.

To find out more, come along to an Open Day or visit the website. Scan the QR code for more information.



SCAN FOR MORE INFO



INTERNATIONAL PLAYERS 17+

Welcoming International Players to come and study and play football at the Academy

A number of options are available for International Players to come to London to Study and train at the Academy.

- All options include the ability to progress up through the Academy Pathway.
- A variety of accommodation options are available at Brunel University and other locations nearby.



STUDY AND INTENSIVE ENGLISH LANGUAGE COURSE AT BRUNEL UNIVERSITY LONDON

- Study on an intensive English Course for up to 19 hours a week and train 3 hours a week at the Wealdstone Academy.
- English Language courses range from a 2 week summer course to 1 years study and start through out the year.
- Language classes are limited to 14 in size.



INTERNATIONAL PLAYERS 17+

HARROW COLLEGE OFFERS A RANGE OF SUBJECTS TO STUDY WHILST TRAINING WITH THE WEALDSTONE ACADEMY

Harrow Colleges pre-university programmes are designed to enable students to progress onto the first year of a Bachelor’s degree. Students can study a vocational Level 3 qualification, A Levels or Foundation Access course.

Vocational Level 3 Qualifications. These courses are for two years and are planned with your future career in mind so you will learn the things you really need to help you go from college straight into work or university.

A-Levels. An A Level programme is the UK’s gold standard for university entry and will help you achieve the grades you need to apply for the UK’s leading universities including Oxford and Cambridge. A Levels are studied over two years with most students study three subjects.

FOUNDATION DIPLOMA (ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION)

Access to Higher Education Diplomas are for students who are looking to progress onto Higher Education/university studies. The courses are intensive and of one year duration. They are suitable for applicants who are over the age of 19.



ENGLISH LANGUAGE PREPARATION

If you are under the age of 19 and want to improve your English skills Harrow College offers an intensive 1 year English course. Students enjoy learning in a friendly and supportive environment and carry out pair, group and class activities with students from different countries. The language skills of reading, listening, speaking and writing, as well as grammar, vocabulary and pronunciation are developed.

Application Process:

To apply to study you will be required to obtain a Student Visa or Short-Term Study Visa. You must be at least 16 years of age on 31st August in the year in which you wish to enrol as a student.

Fees will apply, contact the Wealdstone academy for more information.

MEET THE TEAM WEALDSTONE FC ACADEMY



MATT TAYLOR
Wealdstone FC First
Team Manager



PAUL HUGHES
First Team Assistant
Manager



CAMERON MAWER
Head of Player Development



DALE WELCH
Head of Academy Brunel



PETE STANFORD
First team coach



NATHAN HICKEY
Academy Coach



MICHAEL OWEN
Sports Therapist



WAYNE ANDREWS
Strength and
Conditioning Coach



JASON SCANNELL
Goalkeeping Coach



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ENQUIRIES

For more information or to apply for a place please contact the Wealdstone Academy at academy@wealdstonefc.com or call 07944 684782

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