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## The Piggott School Football Education Courses

Affiliated with The Chelsea FC Foundation

FOR BOYS AND GIRLS



Successfully developing young sports coaches in the Berkshire area for over a decade.



and we strongly believe that the personal journeys that our students undertake whilst learning to lead stand them in good stead for their future careers and in life itself.

Following the success of our Coaching Academy and the rapid growth of women's football, we plan to introduce a new Girls' Academy in September 2020. This will allow girls 16-18 to benefit from the unique opportunity of having an academic-led post-16 education, gaining A Level qualifications alongside a full programme of professional coaching. This will enable our girls the flexibility to combine up to 3 A Levels with professional training and playing for our Academy team.

We are realistic in our view that very few students will become professional footballers and we focus on providing our students with the experience, values and qualifications, which will offer them a broader choice and pathway in the sports industry when they graduate. Combining first class education with first class coaching, 2020 promises to be an exciting year for our football education programmes. I look forward to meeting and welcoming our new cohort of coaches and players in September.

**Andy Freeman**  
Course leader

It is no secret that people learn more effectively when doing something they have a genuine passion and interest for. At The Piggott School it is our aim to create a learning programme which offers like-minded students the opportunity to develop themselves and their CV through football.

Our football studies programmes allow students the opportunity to play and coach football and still gain the qualifications, skills and experience they require to gain entry into university and access jobs in the sports Industry.

We have been successfully developing young sports coaches in the Berkshire area for over a decade. Since we introduced the football studies programme in 2008, our graduates have exceeded all expectations. We now have soccer coaches in professional clubs and in the USA, fitness instructors in local health clubs, PE teachers and pupils studying a variety of sports courses at universities across the country.

As the course leader of our football education programme, it has been my pleasure to watch many of our leaders become more confident, mature and competent young people as a result of the skills and values they have learnt from our courses. Development of good habits and good attitudes are the corner-stones of our courses



# The Coaching Academy - football and sports leadership programme for boys and girls aged 16-18 years.



'Our students learn by doing' and will be expected to play an active role within the school's PE department, assisting in the coaching of a variety of school sports clubs and helping to organise and deliver curriculum PE lessons.

Students may also be able to access work placements at Chelsea FC Foundation, where they could experience life as a coach in a professional club alongside highly qualified Chelsea FC coaches.

The Piggott School has teamed up with The Chelsea FC Foundation to develop a unique sports coaching programme, with the aim of developing talented young football coaches and sports leaders. Whether you are interested in becoming a football coach, physical education teacher or a fitness Instructor, the Coaching Academy will give you the skill, knowledge and experience to develop your career as a sports leader.

The Coaching Academy programme is a 2 year course, which combines a series of FA coaching awards with a level 3 NCFE Coaching Certificate. When combined with a BTEC/CTEC or an A Level these qualifications are the equivalent to 2 A Levels. This will support entry to sports courses at university/college or provide immediate employment opportunities within the sports industry. GCSE Maths and English courses can be added to your programme of study and you can choose from a range of A Levels, BTEC and CTEC courses to accompany your sports coaching studies.

Open to both male and female students between 16 - 18 years, the course is a must for any sport and football enthusiast. Candidates must be serious about a career in sports coaching and have a high level of commitment and a basic level of fitness. The qualifications and training you receive are specifically designed to improve your communication and leadership skills.

- Entry requirements: 47 points
- FA Level 1 Coaching Certificate
- FA Emergency First Aid Award
- FA Safeguarding Award
- FA Goalkeeping Level 1 Certificate
- FA Level 2 Coaching Certificate
- NCFE Level 3 Coaching Certificate (Sports coaching, Assessing risk in sport, Sports injuries, Work experience, Preparing for work in sport, Health and fitness)
- Additional A Level or BTEC/CTEC qualification
- Educational visits to Stamford Bridge and the Chelsea FC training ground



"The experiences and skills I have learned on the coaching programme have helped me coach in the USA and study at university."

**Chris Wateridge**  
Ex student





“Excellent coaching and sessions which help you develop as a player and improve your understanding of the game.”

**Shelby Preston Morris**  
Course student



## Girls' Football Academy - combining A Levels with professional football training.



Through the collaboration with Chelsea FC Foundation, players will be able to enjoy training sessions at Chelsea FC training ground, tournaments, educational visits to Stamford Bridge and various workshops and lectures delivered by experienced Chelsea FC staff. We also have a direct link with St Mary's University in Twickenham who offer a number of related degree courses.

September 2020 will see the first year of The Piggott School's new, girls only Football Academy.

Chelsea FC Foundation and The Piggott School are delighted to present a new and exciting girls' football academy, for players aged 16-18 who have a talent and passion for football.

The course is designed to provide students with regular professional training alongside their full time academic lessons and help support their studies by providing a much needed, healthy work/life balance.

The programme will provide players with the skill to be able to develop their performance and understanding of the game. Training sessions will fit around the girls' academic lessons, allowing pupils the flexibility to study up to 3 A Level qualifications alongside their training. Players will be expected to train up to 4 hours a week and represent the Academy team.

Led by experienced UEFA 'A' licence coaches and ex-professional players, our tutors will deliver a progressive football training programme to enable you to maximise your skills and reach your potential as a player. The programme provides the chance for players to compete in an intensive college/school fixture programme including cups, tournaments and a league.

- Study up to 3 A Levels alongside your training
- 4 hours of training per week and play in Chelsea FC Academy kit
- Compete in an intensive college/school fixture programme
- FA Level 1 Coaching Certificate
- Educational visits to Stamford Bridge and Chelsea FC's training ground
- Wide range of workshops, lectures and events led by Chelsea FC Foundation staff
- Full sized 3G football pitch, a state of the art fitness centre and computer suite





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