

# Folkestone Invicta Post 16 FAQs



This short document has been designed to specifically answer a number of questions you may have around the new FIFC Post 16 Football and Education Scholarship Programme.

Welcome to the Academy



# What is a Post 16 Football Programme?

The Post-16 football education programme combines studying for a BTEC Level 3 sports diploma (up to 280 UCAS points) while enhancing football skills with experienced coaches. Students will take part in a rigorous full time football training programme at Three Hills' state-of-the-art sports facilities and compete in a league (during the day on Wednesdays) against other pro and semi-pro football teams.

The programme is fully funded by the Government but now players going into YR12 will be able to experience a professional football academy environment whilst studying full time at the BuildKent Stadium.



# Who delivers the education and is it any good?

We will be using an independent education provider with a first class track record of delivering these programmes. All independent education providers are regulated by OFSTED and must deliver to the appropriate standard required.

Taking part in this programme will be the same as going to college or staying on at school with the only difference being that the players will study at the stadium and take part in an elite football programme alongside their studies.



# Will joining affect my current team?

Taking part in this programme will not affect players' current commitments to teams and if anything, it will be highly beneficial to their teams as they will be taking part in a strength & conditioning programme alongside technical football training two hours every day.

The football programme will also be delivered by high level UEFA A/B coaches from Active Community Development who have previously worked in professional academies such as Arsenal, Crystal Palace and Gillingham FC.

The programme takes place during school hours, Monday-Friday, and so will not conflict with any other training or weekend games that the players might have outside of the Academy.



# What can players expect?

- Training on state-of-the-art 3G
- Matches played at the BuildKent Stadium
- All matches filmed with post-match detailed tactical analysis sessions
- Individual player development plans
- = A first-class education
- Coaching qualifications
- A strength & conditioning programme
- Playing kit and training wear
- Visits to professional football grounds
- Realistic chance of first team football
- Exit routes into paid employment and/or semi and professional football
- Links to US Colleges to play abroad



# How do I get involved or find out more info?

We will be holding a number of trials at the KentBuild Stadium but unfortunately can't give an exact date at the time of writing this due to the national lockdown.

You can view more information about the scholarship programme and sign up for updates via our Folkestone Invicta FC website under the section titled 'Post 16', or contact Active Community Development's Sport Development Manager (Tim Sells) directly with any questions or queries via:

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