



EDUCATION PROSPECTUS
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ADAM TUTTON

CEO BRISTOL ROVERS COMMUNITY TRUST



WELCOME

As Chief Executive Officer for Bristol Rovers Community Trust, I am delighted to welcome you to our latest Education Prospectus.

Bristol Rovers Community Trust work with a wide spectrum of the community, offering education, health, inclusion, and sports participation projects to give people the opportunity to enhance and improve their life choices. We aim to engage and inspire people of all ages as well as unite the communities in which they live.

For many people, an alternative educational route gives them a better opportunity to excel. We use the power of sport to provide a range of inspirational courses to fully develop each and every individual. Our BTEC Level 3 in Sport offers an excellent opportunity for males and females, aged 16–19, to continue their education in a truly special and unique environment. We combine both our exceptional classroom delivery and our fantastic football programme to provide a positive, inspiring learning environment for all.

We also offer a pathway into Higher Education with our Foundation Degree in either Community Football Coaching and Development or Sports Coaching and Development.

These degree courses are run in partnership with The University of South Wales (USW). There is also an opportunity to complete a Top-Up year to gain a full BSc Honours Degree.

During your time with Bristol Rovers Community College, you will be supported by fully qualified and experienced educational tutors. All our staff will go the extra mile to support each individual in their academic studies, sporting and personal development. This prospectus is the first step on your road to success with Bristol Rovers Community College.



MATT BENNETT

COMMUNITY MANAGER



THE NEW MEANING OF EDUCATION

As an education provider, we are continuing to grow and improve our education provision. Our education department has developed rapidly in recent years and we are extremely proud of the success that we have had, both in the classroom and within football. This enables our learners to develop life skills as well as maximising career choices and opportunities through carefully designed qualifications, regardless of their academic or sporting background.

Our unique educational courses offer students the opportunity to combine academic studies with a competitive sporting environment. Our football programme offers each student the opportunity to play and represent Bristol Rovers in a national football league, the Community and Education Football Alliance (CEFA). Our teams play against clubs such as Sheffield United, Derby County, AFC Bournemouth, Bristol City, Reading and many more.

All of our education courses have limited spaces and they are always extremely popular. If you are interested in enrolling onto one of our courses, please contact us at the earliest opportunity.

Bristol Rovers Community College provides local people with routes into various education, employment and training opportunities which are individually tailored to suit their learning needs.



BTEC LEVEL 3 IN SPORTS COACHING AND DEVELOPMENT BOYS' FOOTBALL

The Boys' Football programme for our BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Sports Coaching and Development, is a two year course suitable for Post-16 male students of all playing abilities who have a keen interest in developing a career pathway into the sport industry.



COURSE SUMMARY

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATION

BTEC Level 3 in Sports Coaching and Development

CONTENT

- Opportunity for a qualification, equivalent to three A-Levels
- Up to 13 hours of education per week
- 3 training sessions per week
- Competitive matches representing Bristol Rovers in a national league (CEFA)
- Units include Sports Coaching, Careers in Sport, Sport Development, Self Employment in Sport & Physical Activity, Developing Coaching Skills, Sport Development and Health, Wellbeing & Sport
- Assessed through weekly assignments across the two years
- An opportunity to continue to study for English and Maths GCSE.

OUR PROGRAMME

The Football & Education Programme is a revolutionary course offering many benefits which include;

- To gain an education whilst representing Bristol Rovers
- Coached by professional Bristol Rovers coaches
- To train and play at the state of the art, £6 million, Lockleaze Sports Centre
- To be part of the team at Bristol Rovers
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PREREQUISITES TO APPLY

- A minimum of 4 GCSE's at Grade 4 (this could include a maximum of two BTEC 1st awards (worth one GCSE each - and or other relevant vocational qualifications)
- To include either English OR Maths at Grade 4
- Or a full BTEC Level 2 in Sport, achieving a minimum of a merit.

For further information on the course please email education@bristolroverscommunity.org.uk



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This course gave me the best of both worlds, providing me with an interesting and educational BTEC qualification whilst also playing competitive football at top class facilities up and down the country.

Bryson
Bristol Rovers Community College Graduate

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I graduated from the course with a Distinction, Merit, Merit. It was a thoroughly enjoyable two years and it's the perfect step to take if you want a career in sport.

Harvey
Bristol Rovers Community College Graduate

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BTEC LEVEL 3 IN SPORTS COACHING AND DEVELOPMENT GIRLS' FOOTBALL

The Girls' Football programme for our BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Sports Coaching and Development, is a two year course suitable for Post-16 female students of all playing abilities who have a keen interest in developing a career pathway into the sport industry.



COURSE SUMMARY

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATION

BTEC Level 3 in Sports Coaching and Development

CONTENT

- Opportunity for a qualification, equivalent to three A-Levels
- Up to 13 hours of education per week
- 3 training sessions per week
- Competitive matches representing Bristol Rovers in a national league (CEFA)
- Units include Sports Coaching, Careers in Sport, Sport Development, Self Employment in Sport & Physical Activity, Developing Coaching Skills, Sport Development and Health, Wellbeing & Sport
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I can't speak highly enough about the BTEC course at Bristol Rovers. Here, the classes are smaller, everyone helps each other and the support you get from the tutors is second to none.

Ellie

Bristol Rovers Community College Graduate

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I have loved training 3 times a week and being coached by UEFA qualified coaches. I feel I have improved so much within football and cannot wait to carry on my journey here at Bristol Rovers.

Amelie

Bristol Rovers Community College Student

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BTEC LEVEL 2 IN SPORT

The Football programme for our BTEC Level 2 in Sport, is a one year course suitable for Post-16 male and female students of all playing abilities who have a keen interest in developing a career pathway into the sport industry.



COURSE SUMMARY

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATION

BTEC Level 2 in Sport

CONTENT

- Assessed through weekly assignments across the 1 year course
- Opportunity for a qualification which allows you entry to our BTEC Level 3 in Sports Coaching and Development course with a minimum overall grade of a merit
- Up to 11 hours of education per week
- 3 training sessions per week
- Competitive matches representing Bristol Rovers in a national league (CEFA)
- Units include Sports Coaching, Sports Leadership and Physical and Sports Education in School and Community Settings
- An opportunity to continue to study for English and Maths GCSE.

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There are no formal entry requirements for the course, but we expect learners to have qualifications at or equivalent to Level 1. Learners are most likely to succeed if they have:

- A minimum of 3 GCSE's at Grade 3
- This can include up to two BTEC First Awards (worth one GCSE each) and/or other relevant vocational qualifications.

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LEAGUE FOOTBALL EDUCATION



In partnership with the EFL and the EFL Trust, LFE (League Football Education) offers 16-18 year-old (male and female) learners the opportunity to study sport-related qualifications, while representing their club at football.

Learners will take part in an Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) funded study programme, improving their knowledge of sport and applying this to the practical element of their programme to improve their technical, tactical and physical ability.

Upon completion of the course, learners can progress to University or full-time employment. LFE will work hard to provide a supportive environment to allow learners to thrive, although research has shown that positive input from parents/guardians is also vitally important.

Throughout the programme, every learner will face many challenges as they make the transition from full-time schooling to the demands of training and studying every day. This time will only come around once, so LFE encourages all learners to enjoy this experience and realise that it is essential to give 100% towards their training and education.



Ofsted is the Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills. They inspect services providing education and skills for learners of all ages. They also inspect and regulate services that care for children and young people.

We are extremely proud to have been graded 'Outstanding' in all areas by Ofsted at our recent inspection.



OUR FOOTBALL PROGRAMME

THE EFL CEFA LEAGUE

Both our male and female teams play in the EFL Community Education Football Alliance (CEFA).

Games are played every Wednesday in a regionalised league playing teams once at home and once away.

Our teams will face other EFL Clubs such as AFC Bournemouth, Bristol City, Cheltenham Town, Exeter City, Newport County, Northampton Town, Portsmouth, Plymouth Argyle, Swindon Town & Wolverhampton Wanderers.

The league also run a National Cup. The cup starts as a group stage, which is split between the north and south. After the group stage the competition is then opened up to a national draw with the possibility of competing against the likes of Aston Villa, Brentford, Chelsea, Everton, Fulham, Liverpool & Manchester City.



OUR FOOTBALL PROGRAMME

TRAINING AT BRISTOL ROVERS

Students train 3 times a week, on Monday, Tuesday & Thursday mornings are our designated football training times, where students train at the multi-million pound facility, Lockleaze Sports Centre.

Monday's focus will be on the technical aspects of football and are based upon each player's needs. This will give the coaches the opportunity to work on individual aspects of their game

Tuesday is a game preparation and tactical session. We focus on what is required to organise our teams to give ourselves the best opportunity to achieve positive results on a match day.

Thursday is a recovery and team building session designed to maximise enjoyment for each player. Players will have the opportunity to take a lead on small sections of the session.

Our football programme is designed to give every player the experience of playing for a professional football club.



CASE STUDY NATHAN HALLETT-YOUNG

My first impressions of being part of a professional football club was that of any football fanatic... what's not to love? I was playing football every day, competing in a national league with other professional clubs and learning about the different aspects of sport. For a "sporty person", it was heaven.

The BTEC course was an influential part of my career pathway. On completion of the BTEC programme, I achieved an Extended Diploma in Sport as well as a football league winners medal. At the end of my studies a realisation occurred that a career in football coaching was possible.

As part of the course, all students obtained the Football Coaching Level 1 Award. After gaining this and acquiring some coaching experience with Bristol Rovers, I wanted to follow a coaching pathway. Bristol Rovers Community Trust unveiled their Higher Education course in the shape of a Foundation Degree in Community Football Coaching and Development.

I was never very academic, but the staff helped me to achieve my full potential to pursue a career in coaching.

I followed my tutor's advice and continued to improve myself as a coach. I quickly established myself as a reliable lead coach at various community sessions across Bristol.

From here the natural progression was to top up my degree from a foundation to a full BSc Honours. Halfway through my final year, the Community Trust expanded, offering me the chance to step up and become a project lead working with the Premier League Girls Football project.

After I completed my studies, I worked hard to find my feet as a full-time member of the team. I have had some incredibly special experiences working for Bristol Rovers Community Trust. Some of these experiences I will never forget... managing a team in a Wembley Final, becoming 1st team manager of Bristol Rovers Women's FC and walking out the tunnel at The Memorial Stadium, in front of 10,000 screaming Gasheads!

This course has changed my life and helped get me to where I am today. I can't recommend this course enough!

CASE STUDY

KATIE DAVIES



In September 2020 I started my journey here at Bristol Rovers Community College, training everyday whilst studying a BTEC Level 3 in Sport. This course was perfect for me to grow as a person and allow me to take the next steps in my career.

During my time here the tutors and coaches provided me with lots of support in the classroom, on the training pitch and with university and job applications.

Having been quiet and reserved when I started out, I found myself really growing and becoming more confident. I almost found it impossible to talk in front of people or in front of a camera but with the support of everyone at Bristol Rovers Community College, I feel so much more confident than ever before.

Training every day at College and playing with the 'Gas Girls' has been invaluable for my development as a player. The Coaches are UEFA Qualified and their expertise and experience make our training sessions enjoyable and push us to the next level.

As part of the College and as a member of Bristol Rovers Women's FC, I had the opportunity to volunteer for the EFL Trust 'Tackling Loneliness' project, which was a programme designed to support elderly supporters throughout the Covid-19 pandemic.

Because of the time that I spent working on this project and my academic work, I was delighted to have been presented with the Joe Davis Achievement Award at the Bristol Rovers End of Season Awards Ceremony. Something that will live with me forever.

Thanks to the environment and support that our tutors brought to the college, I managed to graduate with a triple distinction in the BTEC Level 3 in Sport, which was a huge achievement for me. I am now studying a BSc (Hons) Sports Therapy Degree at Hartpury University and loving the latest chapter of my life.

FURTHER OPPORTUNITIES

Here at Bristol Rovers Community College we offer our students a wide range of additional opportunities, including valuable work experience at Bristol Rovers. This provides our students with a once in a lifetime, money can't buy experience.



WORK EXPERIENCE AT BRISTOL ROVERS

During their education, each student will be required to complete a work experience placement with Bristol Rovers. This will be an invaluable experience to gain insight into the day to day running of a professional football club and will be a practical application towards their course content.



Students can also participate in our In-House College Tournament at The Memorial Stadium

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It's always been a dream to be a part of my football club. I get to see a lot of what happens behind the scenes and how much hard work is needed to run a club.

Danny

Current Degree Student and
Community College Graduate

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Here I found a place where I can be myself and have a true passion for sports coaching. Making that decision has changed my life forever and made me truly happy.

Will Dixon

Bristol Rovers Community College Graduate

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'OPEN TRIALS' AT BRISTOL ROVERS

Our Community College Football Open Trials are an opportunity for year 10,11 and 12 students to attend an open training session with Bristol Rovers Community College's Post-16 Football Programme.

This will be a chance to experience what our Football Programme has to offer and how it can benefit you as an individual. You get the opportunity to take part in a session led by our UEFA qualified coaches, meet some of our current students and find out more about the football programme that we provide.

This also a fantastic opportunity to meet some of our tutors who will be on hand to give you further information about the course and the modules included.

Sessions are free of charge and both boys and girls sessions take place between (10am - 12pm)

All sessions take place at **Lockleaze Sports Centre, Bonnington Walk, Lockleaze, BS7 9XF**, and you can register for multiple sessions via www.bristolroverscommunity.org.uk/education

REGISTER FOR OUR 'OPEN TRIALS' THIS SEASON!

MONDAY 28TH OCTOBER 2024
MONDAY 17TH FEBRUARY 2025
MONDAY 7TH APRIL 2025
FRIDAY 30TH MAY 2025
MONDAY 4TH AUGUST 2025
MONDAY 11TH AUGUST 2025
MONDAY 18TH AUGUST 2025



Scan above to register for our 'Open Trials'

HOW TO APPLY

STEP ONE

Attend a Bristol Rovers Community College Open Evening

OPEN EVENING DATES

Thursday 19th September 2024

Thursday 17th October 2024

Thursday 21st November 2024

Thursday 23rd January 2025

Thursday 13th March 2025

Thursday 1st May 2025

Thursday 26th June 2025

7PM AT THE MEMORIAL STADIUM

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STEP TWO

Complete an Application Form

(www.bristolroverscommunity.org.uk/college)



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STEP THREE

Attend a student interview with our head of recruitment

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STEP FOUR

Receive and accept a conditional offer for a place on the course

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STEP FIVE

Applicants formally enrol by attending The Memorial Stadium on GCSE results day

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