

student success speaks for itself



Jack Sherratt attended the academy from 2009-2011 and has since achieved a **BSC in Exercise and Sport Science** at MMU.

In 2013 Jack beat over 5,500 entrants in the **Samsung Win A Pro Contract Competition** and won a contract with Leyton Orient.



IMAGE: IAN COOPER/CHESTER CHRONICLE

Ben Mills attended the academy from 2005-2007, completing a **BTEC National Diploma in Sport**.

After completing the programme, Ben continued his football development in Non-League with Alfreton Town, Nantwich Town and Stafford Rangers, before securing a move into professional football in 2012 when he signed for Macclesfield Town. He now plays for Chester FC.

Ben says, "I had the best two years at MMU whilst gaining my formal education. The MMU programme and staff helped me develop as both a person and a footballer."



Yee Ming Low came to the academy as an international student from Malaysia.

Yee Ming says, "The academy offered excellent opportunities to improve as a goal keeper. The academic staff were very supportive and I was welcomed as an international student."

the final word

"The FA has had strong links with MMU for many years. Our new coaching centre at St Georges Park provides the College boys with the best environment to play football in England. Any boys joining MMU will find the experience of supporting the FA at St Georges Park an offer not to be missed."

»» Dennis Mortimer, FA National Coach Education European Cup Winning Captain, Aston Villa

how to apply:

1. Contact the Football Academy coaches to find out more about the programme.
2. You and your parents/guardians will be invited to an open day at MMU's Cheshire campus. Upon successful completion we will ask you to fill out an application form.

Please note, to get a place on the MMU Football Academy, you'll need to meet the minimum entry requirements for the **OCR Level 2 Diploma in Sport** or **BTEC Extended Diploma in Sport (Performance and Excellence)**.
3. This application form will then be forwarded to NULC (Academic Provider) who will contact you directly in relation to your academic studies and confirm your place.

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get a career head-start through top coaching and qualifications

The MMU Football Academy recruits from all playing levels.

If you're a **male school leaver aged 16 to 18**, and have the enthusiasm and dedication to succeed in football then the MMU Football Academy is for you.

You'll follow a rigorous full-time programme of study and coaching to develop your natural talent, working towards a recognised sports qualification alongside your training. The programme is delivered on the Cheshire campus of Manchester Metropolitan University in Crewe.

Through the MMU Football Academy you will:

- » Study a nationally-recognised academic qualification in sport
- » Take part in a structured football coaching programme taught by professional UEFA licensed coaches
- » Compete at national and regional level in a number of leagues, cups and competitions, including the Football Conference Youth Alliance League and the British Colleges Premier Elite League

- » Be an active member of the Football Association (FA) Learning and Professional Football Association (PFA) UEFA A and B support groups
- » Carry on playing for your chosen team at weekends and for County FA teams
- » Have the opportunity to gain a Football Association L1 coaching qualification as part of the course
- » Make links to semi-professional and professional football clubs
- » Receive all the support you need to succeed on the pitch and in the classroom.

We're here to help you achieve your potential; all you need is the enthusiasm and dedication to get ahead of the competition.

We look forward to working with you soon.

Nigel Deeley
UEFA A Licensed Coach
Football Association Scout

Steve Atkinson
UEFA B Licensed Coach
Football League Academy Coach



join the success story...

Who can apply?

This academy is open to all 16-18 year old males. So if you are in year 11 it's time to apply.

What will I study?

You will study an OCR Level 2 Diploma in Sport or BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Sport (Performance and Excellence).

What are the entry requirements?

OCR Level 2 Diploma in Sport: You'll need a minimum of two GCSEs at C or above including English Language or Maths.

BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Sport:

You'll need a minimum of four GCSEs at C or above including either English OR Maths and Science OR Physical Education or a merit in a Level 2 Diploma in Sport, together with GCSE English and Maths at grade C or above.

For both levels, you'll also need to come in for an academic interview and a football open day.

What is involved?

You will be based at the Cheshire campus five days a week and this will involve a mix of academic sessions, football training and matches.

Your college course will involve a range of units looking at subjects such as:

- » Anatomy and physiology
- » Sports psychology
- » Nutrition for sports performance
- » Organising sports events.

You'll gain insight into the sports industry through work experience and you could also take first aid and coaching qualifications.

How long is the course?

The MMU Football Academy programme lasts for one year at Level 2 and two years at Level 3*. **Students can progress on to L3 depending on L2 grades achieved.*

What will I achieve and where will it take me?

The BTEC Extended Diploma is equivalent to three A Levels, enabling you to progress on to a degree-level sport or leisure course at university.

The qualification is also designed to help you seek employment in the fields of sport, leisure and fitness or an American Football Scholarship.



"Through the two years I've been at MMU my football has progressed with call ups to county and great opportunities such as obtaining a scholarship to go to America! Enjoyed the course and made some good friends."

» Jack Alexandra (Stafford)

"Best three years of my life, loved every moment and made friends for life."

» Jordan Sheldon (Shavington)



MMU Football Academy Success

- » Football Conference Youth Alliance Cup Winners 2009/10
- » Two MMU Football Academy graduates have gone on to play professional football for **Swindon Town** and **Macclesfield Town**
- » Six players have secured **American playing Scholarships** including four in 2014
- » Inter-Link Football League Champions 2009-2014
- » West Midlands Premier League Champions 2007/08
- » British Colleges Cup Winners 2006
- » Newcastle Borough Council Sports Team of the Year 2006
- » English Schools FA Under 18s Squad: Three players selected to play in the **Centenary Shield Home Nations Tournament** in 2010/2011

Why choose MMU Football Academy?

- » The MMU Football Academy is brought to you by Manchester Metropolitan University, the UK's **most popular University*** and the West Midlands' **top sports college**.
- » The Diplomas are nationally recognised qualifications that can take you on to a career or university.
- » Newcastle-under-Lyme College was rated by Ofsted as **"outstanding for sport, recreation and leisure"**.
- » MMU is fully linked to the FA and professional football clubs
- » At the end of their studies, over **80%** of learners are classified as high achievers with **42%** reaching a DDD profile or higher.
- » Over 25 students have moved on to **Higher Education** courses.

**As measured by undergraduate applications in the 2011 intake, receiving more than 56,000 applications this year. Data provided by UCAS.*