



KIDDERMINSTER
COLLEGE



HARRIERS ACADEMY

2025/26 SEASON
U19s GIRLS TRIAL DATES & FAQs



REGISTER FOR AN UPCOMING TRIAL
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EDUCATION

WHERE DOES THE COURSE TAKE PLACE?

Lessons will take place at the Centre of Sporting Excellence (CoSE), Zortech Avenue, Kidderminster, DY11 7DY. Other off-site locations, such as the University of Worcester, may be used throughout the year. Transport will be provided for these visits.

COURSES AVAILABLE

Level 1 - BTEC Introductory Certificate in Sport
 Level 2 - BTEC Certificate in Sport (one year)
 Level 3 - (year one) BTEC National Extended Certificate in Sport/BTEC National Foundation Diploma in Sport
 Level 3 - (year two) BTEC National Diploma in Sport/BTEC National Extended Diploma in Sport

ANY REQUIREMENTS?

Level 2 - You will need four GCSEs at grade D/3; one or two GCSEs at grade C/4, or a Level 1 Sport qualification with grade Merit.

Level 3 - You must have successfully completed a Level 2 programme of learning with GCSEs, vocational qualifications including four GCSEs, or equivalent qualifications including Maths, English, Science & PE. Please note, the offer of a place on the Academy course is also subject to a successful football trial. You will be sent further details of how to register for the trials via the college website following receipt of your application and interview.

WHAT DOES THE COURSE CONSIST OF?

The course will be mainly delivered through taught classes and lectures, with some learning taking place using the college's VLE (Moodle), and other electronic means, including YouTube. Assessments on the course will be varied, and could include written assessments, individual and group presentations, production of booklets and practical performance. There will also be an external component of assessment, in the form of synoptic assessments and examinations, which will be sent off to the exam board for marking and assessment.

WHAT ARE THE PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES?

If you have successfully completed and pass all units from the Level 1 qualification in a year, you will can go onto the Level 2 Certificate in Sport. Similarly, if you successfully complete the Level 2 qualification in a year, you may progress to further learning through the Level 3 Extended Certificate or Foundation Diploma, or alternatively seek employment within the sport and leisure industry.

Alternatively, you could progress onto a second Foundation Diploma in a complementary sector, or a larger size BTEC National in the sport sector. This may include the Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Sport.

WHAT AREAS OF THE SPORTS INDUSTRY WILL THIS ENABLE ME TO FOCUS ON?

The course is designed so students/players can utilise their skills, and develop in areas of sport, even outside of football. Transferable coaching skills that can be applied across sports, will be part of your ongoing development during the course. You also gain an understanding of recovery, injury prevention methods, managing sports events and understanding the sporting industry from a business point of view.





FOOTBALL

HOW OFTEN IS TRAINING?

You will train three times per-week (Monday, Tuesday and Friday). Games will be played on Wednesdays. Players may also be given the opportunity to train with the Harriers Women First Team, if selected.

CAN PLAYERS PLAY FOR OTHER CLUBS WHILE BEING PART OF KHFC?

We're proud of the opportunities available to progress to the Harriers Women First Team, but it is paramount the players are given the best chance to develop as footballers. If your preference is to play for another team of your choice alongside studying as part of our programme, whether that be at levels higher or lower in the pyramid, you are welcome to do so!

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All training and games take place at the Centre of Sporting Excellence (CoSE), Zortech Avenue, Kidderminster, DY11 7DY.

WHAT DOES THE GAMES PROGRAMME LOOK LIKE?

You will be able to play for our team competing in AOC leagues, as well as friendlies arranged with other College/University teams.

WHAT PROGRESSION ROUTES ARE AVAILABLE AT KHFC?

The natural progression is for players from our U19s to progress into the Harriers Women First Team. This isn't a given, and every individual player will be different. Within our U23s programme, there are two routes to go down: a Football Business Management and Sports Coaching Foundation Degree (2 years), or a Personal Training (PT) course (1 year). Others may progress onto other Universities across the country to continue, if they wish, on a sports pathway in areas such as coaching, teaching, sports therapy, analysis, disability sports and sports business and management.





FURTHER INFORMATION

WHAT STAFFING STRUCTURE IS IN PLACE?

A large and high-quality staffing structure is in place, to ensure that players are given the best possible opportunity to develop both in the classroom and on the football pitch. Our staff will be responsible for the day-to-day running of the football programme:

Luke Astley - Academy Manager (UEFA A)
Brandon Bevin - Assistant Academy Manager (UEFA B)
Harry Butler - U23s Lead Coach (UEFA B)
Alex Surridge - Academy Coach (UEFA B)
Kevin Bunn - Academy Coach (UEFA B)
Jack Cole - Academy Coach (UEFA B)
Craig Hatfield - Academy Coach (UEFA C)
Matthew Hatfield - Academy Coach (UEFA C)
Nathan Duggal - Academy GK Coach (UEFA C)
Tom Palmer - GK Coach & First Team Player
George Preston - Higher Education Programme Lead
Andrew Glover - Further Education Programme Lead (UEFA B)
Leon Clarke - Academy Coach (UEFA A)

WHAT EXTRA OPPORTUNITIES ARE AVAILABLE?

All students get opportunity to undertake the FA Level 1 coaching qualification. However, this is available on a first come, first served basis, and course fees are applicable. All students will undertake a two week work experience placement.

We also provide a trip to St. George's Park, the home of England's national football teams, where students will be coached by External coaches who are completing their coaching badges - these may be ex-professionals in a world class facility.





WANT TO JOIN US?

TRIAL DATES

Thursday 20th February 2025

Thursday 17th April 2025

Thursday 29th May 2025

Tuesday 8th July 2025

TRIAL DETAILS

10am-2pm

Centre of Sporting Excellence

Zortech Avenue, Kidderminster, DY11 7DY

ANY QUESTIONS? NEED MORE INFO?

Email: academy@harriers.co.uk

Web: harriers.co.uk/academy

Social media: @harriersacademy



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