



BRISTOL ROVERS COMMUNITY TRUST

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.

Our education department has developed rapidly in recent years. 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 educational programmes to fully develop each and every individual.

We proudly offer educational opportunities for post-16 further education, with our BTEC Level 3 in Sport. This combines classroom delivery and our exceptional football programme, where the students represent Bristol Rovers in a national football league (CEFA). Our Community Trust provides a positive, inspiring learning environment and experience that is used to engage all pupils, regardless of background.

We also offer a Foundation Degree in Sports Development in partnership with University of South Wales (USW). This programme offers a further progression for our students to develop themselves into a qualified and highly experienced Community Football Coach.

During your time with Bristol Rovers Community Trust, 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 Trust.



MATT BENNETT

COMMUNITY MANAGER



THE NEW MEANING OF EDUCATION

As an education provider, we are continuing to grow and improve our education provision. 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.

We are able to offer exciting qualifications which combine academic studies with a competitive sporting environment where students can represent Bristol Rovers in a national football league.

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

Bristol Rovers Community Trust 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

Bristol Rovers Community Trust's BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Sports Coaching and Development (Boys' football programme), 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
- 10 hours of education per week
- 3 training sessions per week
- Competitive matches representing Bristol Rovers in a national league (CEFA)
- Modules include Sports Coaching, Careers in Sport and Anatomy and Physiology
- Assessed through weekly assignments across the two years
- An opportunity to continue to study for English and Maths GCSE.

ASSOCIATED COSTS

The only cost associated with the course is a compulsory £400 (split over 2 years) which pays for the Bristol Rovers training kit and tracksuit as well as the FA Level 1 Award in Coaching Football.

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
- To be educated at the heart of The Memorial Stadium
- The opportunity to gain valuable work experience at a professional football club
- To achieve The FA Level 1 Award in Coaching Football

PREREQUISITES TO APPLY

- A Minimum of 4 Level 4 Grades at GCSE
(Maths and English are NOT mandatory)

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 some top class facilities up and down the country”

Luke Bayliss

Bristol Rovers Community Trust 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.

Jack Winham

Bristol Rovers Community Trust Graduate

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BTEC LEVEL 3 IN SPORTS COACHING AND DEVELOPMENT GIRLS' FOOTBALL

Bristol Rovers Community Trust's BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Sports Coaching and Development (Girls' football programme), 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

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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.

Jess Lumber
Current 2nd year student

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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”

Ella Stone
Current 2nd year student

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OUR FOOTBALL PROGRAMME

THE EFL CEFA LEAGUE

Both our Boys and Girls sides play in the EFL CEFA (Community Education Football Alliance) League.

Games are played every Wednesday, with all teams playing home and away once a season.

The leagues are split into regions and our teams play against clubs such as Sheffield United, Derby County, West Brom, Portsmouth, AFC Bournemouth, Bristol City, Reading, Swindon Town and many more.

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 Manchester City and Chelsea.



OUR FOOTBALL PROGRAMME

TRAINING AT BRISTOL ROVERS

Students train 3 times a week, Monday, Tuesday and Thursdays at the state of the art Lockleaze Sports Centre.

Sessions are an hour and a half long with coaches following a bespoke programme to enhance each player's development.

Monday is a technically orientated session and based around what each player 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 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 to 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 further education course in the shape of a Foundation Degree in Community Coaching.

As I wasn't a very academic individual, 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, quickly establishing myself as a reliable session lead with various school sessions.

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 fulltime 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 minutes before kick off!

For those who are thinking about joining an educational course at Bristol Rovers Community Trust, I would fully recommend it.



CASE STUDY

ELLIE PREECE

In September of 2018 I started my journey here at Bristol Rovers Community Trust, 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 bundles of support in the classroom, on the training pitch and with university/job applications.

Having been quiet and reserved when I started out, I found myself really growing and becoming more confident. Towards the end of my first year and all throughout my second I was given paid coaching opportunities by the Trust, I led coaching sessions at the school holiday Fun Days for groups of children between the ages of 6 – 13.

I felt very privileged and trusted by Bristol Rovers to be given this opportunity. I also went into a local school to do an after school club with a group of students, I feel these two opportunities have aided me and will be really beneficial in years to come when I am trying to kick start my career in teaching or coaching.

All the staff have been fantastic at Bristol Rovers Community Trust. It was an honour to represent Bristol Rovers on and off the pitch. Getting the opportunity to play at St. George's Park was a big highlight and I cannot wait to see how my career progresses, thanks to the help from Bristol Rovers Community Trust.

I managed to graduate with a triple distinction (DDD) in BTEC Level 3 in Sport, which was a huge achievement for me. I am now studying Sport, Physical Education, and Health at Cardiff Metropolitan University and loving life.

BTEC LEVEL 3 IN SPORTS COACHING AND DEVELOPMENT BOXING

Bristol Rovers Community Trust's BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Sports Coaching and Development (Boxing), is a two-year course suitable for Post-16 male and females of all boxing abilities who have a keen interest in developing a clear path into opportunities within the sport industry.



COURSE SUMMARY

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATION

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ASSOCIATED COSTS

The only cost associated with the course is a compulsory £400 (split over 2 years) which pays for the Bristol Rovers training kit and tracksuit as well as a recognised boxing qualification.

OUR PROGRAMME

This programme gives you the opportunity to train in the famous Empire Boxing Gym. This is a unique opportunity to train alongside professional boxers in one of the country's most successful boxing gyms.

Participants will get the opportunity to train with boxers from all levels, including the world class talents of former World Champions Lee Haskins and Lee Selby. Sessions will be under the expert eyes of Chris Sanigar, Alan Thompson and Empire's own team of experienced coaches allowing you to follow in the footsteps of previous champions.

Empire Fighting Chance pride themselves on their friendly, easy going atmosphere so you'll soon feel part of the team. Participants in this programme will also get the opportunity to attend many of the professional boxing shows hosted in Bristol.

PREREQUISITES TO APPLY

- A Minimum of 4 Level 4 Grades at GCSE (Maths and English are NOT mandatory)

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HOW TO APPLY

STEP ONE

Attend a Bristol Rovers Community Trust Open Evening

OPEN EVENING DATES

Thursday 17th September 2020

Thursday 15th October 2020

Thursday 19th November 2020

Thursday 21st January 2021

Thursday 11th March 2021

Thursday 6th May 2021

7PM AT THE MEMORIAL STADIUM

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STEP TWO

Complete an Application Form

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STEP THREE

Applicants will be invited to attend a practical training session

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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 onto their selected course by attending The Memorial Stadium on GCSE results day

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FURTHER OPPORTUNITIES

Here at Bristol Rovers Community Trust we offer our students a wide range of additional opportunities, from valuable work experience to our exciting NCS programme. 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.

NATIONAL CITIZENSHIP SERVICE

We find that this is an area where students really learn a lot about themselves and it helps to shape their decisions for future endeavours. We work with local partners to enable each of our students to participate in the National Citizenship Service (NCS). This is a nationally recognised qualification for students aged 16-17.

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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 football club.”

Owen Cottle
Current 2nd year student

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*Hear from some of
our former students and
what they are doing now*

WHAT OUR GRADUATES SAY

LUCAS SWAIN-BRITTON

I am currently working as Partnerships Manager for CheckdMedia, which sees me work with all of the UK's leading bookmakers on their marketing campaigns.

The education was fantastic for me at Bristol Rovers. It provided me with a flexible learning environment and a great education to enable me to head to university. For anybody who is considering the course, you'll have the best two years of your life providing you work hard both on and off the pitch!

ELLIE PREECE

I had an amazing two years, studying with Bristol Rovers Community Trust. The tutors are fantastic and it was an honour to represent Bristol Rovers on and off the pitch. Getting the opportunity to play at St. George's Park was a big highlight!

I am currently studying sport, physical education and health at Cardiff Metropolitan University. I hope to pursue a coaching or teaching career in the future, which is something that I'm really interested in doing.

JAMIE HEDGES

I graduated from Bristol Rovers Community Trust in 2018 with a triple merit. I now work as a football scout and work in the recruitment department for the 1st Team here at Bristol Rovers.

I wasn't too sure what I wanted to do when I left school but this course gave me lots of different career options and gave me the opportunity to meet people already within the industry, which I'm very grateful for.

JAKE SLOCOMBE

When I completed the course at Bristol Rovers Community Trust, I went to America on a full soccer scholarship in South Georgia.

I'm now running my own football agency, drafting players from America to Scandinavia, whilst working full time for Reach PLC, in media.

Without my two-years at Bristol Rovers, I wouldn't have had the opportunities to learn about the football industry at such a young age. I am forever grateful for that chance.

MORGAN SEALEY

After I completed the course in 2015, I decided to stay at Bristol Rovers Community Trust and enrol on the 'Community Coaching' Degree in partnership with USW (University of South Wales).

I currently work for the Trust as a Community Coach during the week alongside my studies. I am also preparing to travel to America next year and enrol onto a MSc course. My time at Bristol Rovers has enabled me to access these opportunities, where other colleges wouldn't be able to do so.

WILL DIXON

Once I finished the BTEC Level 3 in Sport with Bristol Rovers Community Trust, I enrolled onto the 'Community Coaching' Degree at USW, where I graduated in 2019.

I am now a full-time coach at Bristol Rovers Community Trust, working in primary schools, on match-days and the various other projects that we run. I'm also an assistant coach for the newly formed Bristol Rovers Women's team that was launched in 2019.

FOUNDATION DEGREE

The 2 year Foundation Degree will combine studying and practical coaching experience as well as offering students the opportunity to gain recognised qualifications. A Top-Up year is also available to those that wish to attain a full BSc (Hons) Degree.



COURSE SUMMARY

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATION

Foundation Degree in Community Football Coaching and Development

CONTENT

Year One

- Football Event Management
- Introduction to Sports Development
- Introduction to Sports Science for Football
- Football Coaching: Theory to Practice
- Technical Planning and Reflective Practice in Football
- Academic Research and Professional Skills

Year Two

- Football In Society
- Project Operations Management
- Youth Football Coaching
- PE and School Sport
- Sport Placement

OUR PROGRAMME

The degree programme requires students to attend The Memorial Stadium for academic sessions to support their distanced learning course with The University of South Wales (USW). Students also gain valuable work experience coaching on the wide range of Community Trusts' projects becoming key members of the team.

The course is taught via online lectures, practical sessions and tutorials from USW Academic Teaching staff. This is then supported by Bristol Rovers tutors and mentors.

PREREQUISITES TO APPLY

- BTEC Diploma – MM (64 UCAS Tariff Points)
- BTEC Extended Diploma – MPP (64 UCAS Tariff Points)
- 3 GCSE's at C or above including Maths and English
- FA Level 1 Award in Coaching Football or equivalent
- Endorsement from Bristol Rovers Community Trust.

ASSOCIATED COSTS

August 2021 - July 2022

Fees Full-time UK and EU: £8,000 per year



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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 Trust Graduate

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