WHAT IS THE WESTFIELD FOOTBALL ACADEMY?



Watford FC Community Sports & Education Trust and Westfield Academy have joined forces to create the Football Academy for boys. This exciting programme will give talented young players between the ages of 16-19 the chance to combine academic studies with practical football experience, designed to bridge the gap between grassroots and academy football.

Players from the academy will train daily and will play on a competitive basis which is an experience similar to football academies nationwide, to which players may progress. In addition to the training, players can either complete the <u>BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Sport or take 3 A level subjects</u> with the support and guidance of the highly skilled teaching staff. The right pathway is dependent on student's GCSE results.

The teams will play in the PLFL which is as close to Academy football as you can get as the league is solely for Premier League and Football League Clubs. Each league hosts a demanding and high standard of football through which players may progress to the Watford FC Academy Under 18 youth team, Under 21s or even the First team.

All players are provided with Watford FC training kit.

We provide players with the skills required to help them progress to a higher standard of education and football as well as gain experience necessary to work in community football coaching and other areas within the sports industry. Players will receive training in football coaching, leading to FA Coaching badges, emergency aid and grounding in safeguarding issues and practice.

All courses are staffed by fully qualified professionals, both on and off the field. This allows flexibility for students to choose from a combination of pathways to match their ability, aptitude, interests and aspirations.

The Football Academy is a fantastic opportunity for young people keen to develop their talent on the football pitch and find a route into a career in football coaching, the leisure/sports industry or university.

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