



# Harriers ACADEMY

**2023/24 SEASON**

*U19s Trial dates & FAQs*



**KIDDERMINSTER  
COLLEGE**





# 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 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 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 the course 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. Our U23s and first team also train on site so there may be opportunities for extra training, if selected.

## *What does the games programme look like?*

We are currently registered to six leagues including the U19 National Alliance, U18 Floodlit Premier North, and the AOC Sport Cat 2A-2D. There are also opportunities to play in the Harriers Midweek Cup, which includes professional academy teams, opportunities to play for the U23s, and an array of friendly fixtures throughout the season.

## *Can players play for other clubs while being part of KHFC?*

It is paramount the players are given the best chance to develop as footballers. If we feel that players will benefit from time at other clubs, then we will look to arrange this during the course of the season. This will be communicated every step of the way.



### *Jack Tolley*

Previously in Derby County and Shrewsbury Town academies. Joined Harriers Academy and progressed into U19s programme. Signed his KHFC first team contract age 18



### *Tom Palmer*

U19s graduate, involved in first team since 2016, signing first team professional contract soon after. Also now Goalkeeping Coach for Harriers U19s and Junior Academy.

## *What progression routes are available at KHFC?*

The natural progression is for players from our U19s to progress into our U21s, U23s, and First Team squads. 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.

## *Where does football training take place?*

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





# Other Info

## Academic Achievements

**OUR PASS RATES V NATIONAL AVERAGE**  
(17/18 ACADEMIC YEAR)

**BTEC Level 1 Diploma in Sport and Active Leisure 100% (85%)**  
**BTEC Level 2 Extended Certificate in Sport 100% (75%)**  
**BTEC Level 3 Diploma in Sport: 92% (87%)**  
**BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Sport 100% (88%)**

## 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:

**James Long - Head of Education (UEFA B)**  
**Luke Astley - Academy Manager (UEFA A)**  
**Harry Butler - Foundation Phase Co-Ordinator (UEFA B)**  
**Brandon Bevens - Youth Development Phase Co-Ordinator (UEFA B)**  
**Gregg Britton - Academy Coach (UEFA A)**  
**Alex Surridge - Academy Coach (UEFA B)**  
**Umit Eminoglu - Academy Coach (UEFA B)**  
**Kevin Bunn - Academy Coach (UEFA B)**  
**Daizhari Tucker - UOW Student Apprenticeship**  
**Jamie Emery - GK Coach & First Team Player**  
**Tom Palmer - GK Coach & First Team Player**  
**Luke Shuttleworth - Higher Education Programme Lead (UEFA B)**  
**Andrew Glover - Further Education Programme Lead (UEFA B)**



### Kai Lissimore

U19s graduate. Signed two-year first team contract in August 2021.

“ I left Wolves at the age of 16, I had a few ups and downs and felt my confidence was knocked a bit, coming to Kidderminster has completely restored that, they've given me opportunities which I don't think I would get anywhere else ”

## Is there any transport provided during the course?

Transport is provided from Stourbridge and Kidderminster train station each day if required, subject to approval (times to fit around training and education timetables).

## 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 Level 3 year one students will undertake a Level 2 qualification in Community Sports Leadership. All students will undertake a two week work experience placement.

## Where can I find accommodation?

Once a student is 18, student accommodation is available via Kidderminster Harriers where required.





# *Trial Dates*

**Tuesday 25th October**  
**Tuesday 20th December**  
**Tuesday 21st Feb**  
**Tuesday 4th April**  
**Tuesday 30th May**

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**[bit.ly/HarriersAcademy2023](https://bit.ly/HarriersAcademy2023)**

For more information, email [academy@harriers.co.uk](mailto:academy@harriers.co.uk)

*10am-2pm*

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