



KIDDERMINSTER COLLEGE

HARRIERS ACADEMY

2024/25 SEASON

U19s 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 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.



**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.



**SAMSON
HEWETT**

Progressed through Junior Academy after joining aged 13. Graduated U19s programme to sign first professional contract in 2023, aged 17. Selected for England Colleges FA National Team during 2022-23 season.

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



**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 ”

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 Bevins - Assistant Academy Manager (UEFA B)**
- Harry Butler - U23s Lead Coach (UEFA B)**
- Alex Surridge - Academy Coach (UEFA B)**
- Kevin Bunn - Academy Coach (UEFA B)**
- Asa Humphreys - Academy Coach (UEFA C)**
- Matthew Hatfield - Academy Coach (UEFA C)**
- Ben Wood - 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)**

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.

WHERE CAN I FIND ACCOMMODATION?

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



**ASA
HUMPHREYS**

Former student on U19s programme. Now a Harriers U19s Academy coach (UEFA C)



WANT TO JOIN US?

TRIAL DATES

Tuesday 31st October 2023
Wednesday 3rd January 2023
Tuesday 13th February 2024
Tuesday 26th March 2024
Tuesday 28th May 2024
Tuesday 2nd July 2024

TRIAL DETAILS

10am-2pm
Centre of Sporting Excellence
Zortech Avenue, Kidderminster, DY11 7DY

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PICTURED:

Current Harriers Academy players and graduates
in first team training (pre-season 2023-24)