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Leek Town FC
Elite Football Academy

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Step up. Play hard.

**Ambitious, talented and ready to go all in?
Welcome to your future.**

Our Elite Football Academy is a full-time, two-year course delivered in partnership with Leek Town FC, combining top-level football development with academic excellence. Based at the state-of-the-art F. Ball Community Stadium, this is your chance to train, study and compete at a top Step 3 football club.

We offer a full football pathway for both men and women, whether you're headed for university, a career or want to go pro, we'll help you get there.

If you're already playing at a high club level, involved in county trials or part of a professional football academy or centre of excellence, we've got unrivalled opportunities to take your game, and your future, to the next level.

With access to outstanding coaching, facilities and support, including the F. Ball Stadium academy hub, media room and careers advice, you'll develop the discipline and mind-set to thrive on and off the pitch.

So if you've got the talent, drive and love of the game - this is where your journey begins.

**Mathew Knight-Burton
Marketing and Community Manager, Leek Town FC**

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our upcoming
Trial dates:

nscg.ac.uk



Chase greatness



Are you ready to meet the team?

Leading from the front is Head Coach, Alex Hurst.

Alex was born and bred in Leek and is a graduate of the Crewe Alexandra academy. He's had an extensive footballing career, bringing a wealth of experience from his time representing the likes of Port Vale, Macclesfield Town, Matlock Town, York City and Bradford Park Avenue.

He is now a regular starter and fan favourite at Leek Town FC and is passionate about growing and inspiring future talent.



First class opportunities

Through our partnership with Leek Town FC, students benefit from outstanding facilities, expert coaching and high-quality teaching.

You'll have access to the F Ball Stadium academy hub, media room and guidance from the wider club, helping you develop both on and off the pitch.

While football is the core of the programme, you'll also explore wider opportunities in the sports industry, from coaching and refereeing to progression into university. Units studied include fitness coaching, psychology for sports performance, anatomy and physiology, statistical analysis and sports nutrition, giving you the knowledge and skills to succeed.

Academy Kit

No player is complete without their kit, so for a contribution of £100 (payable upfront, or via payment plan with Leek Town FC), you'll be provided with a comprehensive starter pack, giving you everything you need to hit the pitch running on match day.

This includes personalised:

- 1 x Hoodie
- 1 x Zip
- 1 x Rain Jacket
- 2 x Training Shirts
- 1 x Training Shorts
- 1 x Training Joggers
- 1 x Large Backpack

Home and away kit is provided for match days.

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What drew you to this sports course?

I live locally and have a passion for sports and football. I was keen to enrol on a sports course, and the opportunity to train and play competitive football three to four times a week was a real draw for me.

How do you find the balance between studies and sport?

I prefer the freedom of college life, as the diversity of classroom work combined with time on the football pitch makes balancing my responsibilities really easy. I also like that I can work independently on my studies and have very clear deadlines for submitting my assignments.

What is the support like from the staff?

Mat and Alex have been great, and they are always available whether they are giving us general advice or helping us with our studies and football. Their “open door” policy makes it very easy for us to have open conversations with them. Ultimately, they push us to do better both on and off the pitch.

What have been your highlights of the programme so far?

At the time of writing, we are currently top of the league, which is a massive achievement considering we are only a second-year programme. I was also really proud to win Sports Personality of the Year last year.

How would you describe the team culture?

The boys have really pulled together this season and if we carry on as we are, we could win the league. Being around the team and staff every day gives a great sense of belonging

What would you say to someone considering this course?

I would say just do it! You will have fun, earn a great qualification and get to play football pretty much every day of the week. It really has been a great two years.

How is the course helping your future career in sport?

I have been caddying for two years on the pro golf circuit; while golf is ultimately my first love, it is followed closely by football. This course has given me key attributes which will allow me to transition into the world of professional sport, and I am excited to already be working within the LIV Golf tournament at the JCB Golf & Country Club.

Previous School
Leek High School

Course(s)
NCFE Level 3 Extended Diploma in Sport and Physical Activity

Destination
Pro-Golf Caddy

Make your next move

Have you got what it takes to be part of the Leek Town FC Elite Football Academy?

To join our Elite Football Academy, you'll need to apply and earn your place.

We'll invite you to a trial session at F Ball Stadium where you can showcase your talent, fitness and potential.

This is a demanding programme built for driven players who are ready to give 100% - not just on the pitch, but in the classroom too.

Your pathway and entry requirements

NCFE Level 3 Extended Diploma in Sport and Physical Activity.

You'll need 4 or more high grades (9-4) at GCSE, ideally including maths and English.



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Application

First, you'll need to complete an online application form at nscg.ac.uk/leek-campus. Once you've done this, you'll need to make contact with our team:

community@leektown.net

To register your interest or arrange a trial session.



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