

SUTTON UNITED

COLLEGE PROGRAMME PROSPECTUS - 2024/2025



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WELCOME TO SUTTON UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB



“The programme is really strong and delivers high quality training to players, high personal standards, respect and a huge team ethic. All what we require as attributes to break into Sutton United’s first team.”

Steve Morison – Sutton United Manager

“Why Sutton United? It provides the perfect learning environment, with a fantastic football programme here at Sutton United; Delivered by very well trained, UEFA B coaches.”

Tim Allison – Sutton United COO & Club Secretary



“Learners understand the importance of getting good qualifications as well as their English and Maths qualification to help with their future prospects if being a professional footballer doesn’t work out.”

Graham Usher – SUFC Education Tutor



WHAT IS THE SUTTON UNITED COLLEGE PROGRAMME?





The Sutton United College Programme has been running successfully for the best part of a decade. The programme offers really strong footballing pathways whilst providing an excellent education.

- **Post-16 education programme which offers both a BTEC in Sport and the choice over 20+ A-Levels to choose from to study alongside your BTEC Sports course.**
- **Offers a combination of over ten hours per week of football training, coaching and matches**
- **Develops players' as people and footballers**
- **Weekly analysis sessions to improve game understanding**
- **Combines sports with a full-time study programme**
- **Enhances physical fitness and mental agility**
- **Builds team work and leadership skills**
- **Provides professional (UEFA B) coaching and mentoring**
- **Offers career opportunities in sports industries**
- **Provides FA Level 1 coaching qualifications for all players so that you can earn whilst you learn**

**ENABLES STUDENTS TO PURSUE THEIR PASSION FOR FOOTBALL
WHILE CONTINUING THEIR EDUCATION**

“Words can’t describe how much I enjoy playing for Sutton United Football Club, working and learning from the coaches each day. It’s a great football club and gives you that professional footballer feeling being able to train, play football and get your education.”

**AARON
KIBERU**

DEFENDER, CURRENT SUFC COLLEGE ACADEMY PLAYER





FOOTBALL PROVISION





TRAINING AT SUTTON UTD COLLEGE ACADEMY

Players train two to three times a week receiving top level coaching from dynamic, professional and experienced Sutton United coaching staff.

“Playing for Sutton United is brilliant, it’s a great programme. It gets you through the week knowing you’ve got football Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.”

Jack Honey, a current first year in our SUFC College Academy

Players receive coaching across all aspects of football, including technical and tactical training sessions as well as strength and conditioning which is highly encouraged, with training taking place at top quality Sutton United and partner facilities. Sutton United coaches have adopted a player-centered approach to coach and endeavor to create a fun, technically-based and pressure-free learning environment with a high degree of professional standards and disciplines dedicated to the holistic development of our players.

“With the staff we have at Sutton United, we believe we can really develop players individually. If they approach the project with the right attitude and right commitment, then we have the right staff on board to develop those players and see them progress.”

Harry Martin, Sutton United College Academy Programme Lead





SUFC COLLEGE ACADEMY FACILITIES

At Sutton United we are very lucky to be able to both play and train at one of the best facilities in Surrey. AFC Whyteleafe football ground is a perfect community hub, with a FIFA Quality-approved 3G football pitch and clubhouse situated in a convenient location in Whyteleafe.

The ground is the home of SCFL side AFC Whyteleafe and plays host to a wide variety of other football and community activities, as well as staging a number of cup finals.

AFC Whyteleafe's Church Road ground is the venue for all of our football training sessions and is our home ground for both SCL and Tactic League fixtures. Boasting a state-of-the-art 3G pitch, portable goals, seated stands, changing room facilities and floodlights.

'A great opportunity to train and play at one of the best facilities in Surrey.'





LEAGUES AND CUPS

Players get the opportunity to represent Sutton United both in the SCL College League and Tactic League AND to participate in playing for a local U23 team.

The SCL College League and Tactic Leagues are the only competition of their kind and unlike other college courses, players compete against some of the top development clubs in South East England including teams such as Bromley, Dulwich Hamlet, Dartford, Crystal Palace and West Ham United. Any player registered on our post-16 education course with Sutton United is eligible to play for both our SCL League squad and Tactic League squad with the U19's age brand.

The aim is to provide playing opportunities for young people with a passion for football as well as helping them achieve their education goals through football. By partnering with AFC Whyteleafe Football Club, all players will have the opportunity to support their transition from youth to adult football, a key stage in any players development.



We were delighted to see our Sutton United College Programme players crowned Champions of Surrey winning the 2023/2024 Surrey FA Cup whilst representing our former tenants South Park Football Club. All players are part of our programme and this represents a tremendous success with many in their first season with Sutton United Football Club.





EDUCATION PROVISION





DEVELOPMENT

With ten hours of football a week, players will naturally develop as footballers across all areas of the game – tactical, technical, physical, psychological and social.

Whilst with Sutton United, every student will complete their FA Level One Coaching Qualification enabling students to take their first step on the coaching ladder. The qualification will provide an introduction to the Football Association and teach how to deliver coaching sessions. The course includes practical development-focused drills and is a perfect way for students to begin working with younger players. Once this qualification is achieved this will give students the opportunity to apply for part-time coaching jobs where they can develop their coaching skills and progress.



CASE STUDY : SCOTT SHARROD

- Scott joined the Sutton United College Academy at the start of the 2021/2022 season.
- Scott achieved a BTEC extended diploma in Sport (Level 3), the equivalent of 2 A Levels.
- Scott represented our college team for both the SCL & Tactic squads, making appearances in the FA Youth Cup.
- Scott is currently playing for Sutton United Disability First Team and preparing to go to university in October 2024.

Scott finished the programme at the end of the 2022/2023 season is now doing a one year apprenticeship with SUFC College Academy and is currently the Head of Social Media for the College Programme.





LEARNING

Studies are conducted via our partnership with SGI – ‘Sports Group International’. Our partnership offers a BTEC in Sport (Level 1, 2, 3). SGI also offer the opportunity to choose from thirty different A Levels to complete alongside your BTEC in Sport. BTEC Sport is delivered with a combination of classroom and practical work and covers a range of modules including leadership, fitness and team-work.

In the main, this is achieved through practical football sessions. Players participate and learn a range of football-based topics including fitness, performance techniques and team leadership. Evidence is collected using up-to-date video technology which evidences unit requirements whilst also being available for players and coaches to analyse performance.

The timetable below is typical for players who enrol on a course. Example Timetable: Subject to course level, Learners who have not achieved grade 4 in Maths and English will be expected complete these as an additional study. This will be incorporated into your Sutton United College Academy timetable.



TIMINGS	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
9.00AM-11.30AM	NCFE SPORTS LESSONS	TEAM TRAINING	MATCHDAY ALL HOME GAMES KICK OFF AT 11.00AM AT AFC WHYTELEAFE FC	NCFE SPORTS LESSONS	MATCHDAY ALL HOME GAMES KICK OFF AT 11.00AM AT AFC WHYTELEAFE FC
11.30AM-11.45AM	BREAK	BREAK		BREAK	
11.45AM-12.15PM	PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS	S&C SESSIONS		NCFE SPORTS LESSONS	
12.15PM-1.15PM	LUNCH	LUNCH		LUNCH	
1.15PM-3.15PM	TEAM TRAINING	NCFE SPORTS LESSON		NCFE SPORTS LESSONS	
3.15PM-4.15PM	MATHS/ENGLISH STUDY	MATHS/ENGLISH STUDY		MATHS/ENGLISH STUDY	





COLLEGES & COURSES AT SUFC COLLEGE ACADEMY

Sports Group International is a dynamic forward thinking training provider, who specialise in sports qualifications at F.E and H.E Level. SGI is able to offer a wide range of sports and fitness based qualifications, from Level 3 NCFE Sport's Diplomas to Level 3 Personal Training Diploma's as well as over thirty A-Levels to choose from. The organisation has sites across the UK, partnering with some leading brands in professional football.

Partnering up with Sports Group International will bring some unique benefits to the learners at Sutton United College Football Academy. These include access to a fully interactive learning platform, a series of guest lecturers by leading industry experts, plus access to SGI International base in Marbella, Spain.

Level 2 Extended Certificate in Sport – This course will develop your skills and knowledge in the areas of coaching, fitness instruction and the effects of exercise on the body. You will learn how to plan and organise a sports event and run it efficiently. The qualification will give you experience in a wide range of skills from teamwork and communication to being able to assess someone's fitness level.

Entry Requirements: 4 GCSEs grade 3 or above (or equivalent) and Pre-induction interview/assessment to ensure right level of study.

Level 3 Extended Diploma in Sport – This course will develop the necessary skills, knowledge and understanding to provide a successful progression route to working in the sports industries. In previous years the course has included taking part in professional sports science testing, water sports, rock climbing and further outdoor activities to further develop our students skills.

Entry Requirements: 4 GCSEs grade 4-9 (or equivalent), inc. Maths & English Pre-induction interview/assessment to ensure right level of study.





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SUTTON UNITED COLLEGE ACADEMY KIT SUPPLIER



2024/2025 SEASON





WHY CHOOSE US?





ADDED VALUE

In addition to football and education provision, players in the Sutton United College Academy can enjoy a variety of additional benefits including:

- **FREE access to physiotherapy support**
- **FREE Sutton United EFL League Two tickets to home games (subject to availability)**
- **Opportunity to complete FA Level One Coaching qualification**
- **Full Adidas Training and Travel kit available for purchase**
- **Transport provision for training and matches**
- **Play and train on AFC Whyteleafe's FIFA approved 3G pitch**
- **Play and end of season game at the VBS Community Stadium**
- **An opportunity to play in a showcase game vs. our EFL U18 Academy**
- **Work Experience, volunteering/work opportunities**
- **Official Photographs**
- **End of seasons awards evening to celebrate your achievements with trophies handed out by first team manager Steve Morison**



“I was very impressed with the standard, the players were working on their 1v1 and 2v2 defending and all sorts of tricks started coming out. You can just feel it’s a positive environment for the boys to learn and express themselves in. It’s another great programme that seems to be thriving and developing very good footballers.”

Sutton United Captain Criag Eastmond commenting on a College Academy training session





SUFC COLLEGE ACADEMY CLUB SHOP

At Sutton United we are proud to have our very own bespoke online club shop that is exclusive to all of our Sutton United College Academy players and coaches. At Sutton United we believe that every player deserves to look and feel like a professional footballer. Our official Sutton United College Academy kit supplier will be Premier Sports.

All players accepted onto the SUFC College Academy programme will purchase Sutton United College Academy kit, for the 2024/2025 season our official kit brand will be Adidas. Players will be able to order our bespoke training kit online which will be delivered straight to our players address. Players will be able to purchase extra kit if needed, which is Sutton United branded and initialed.





SUFC COLLEGE ACADEMY PATHWAY



We at Sutton United have created a pathway for the students to support them in reaching their full potential, whatever their goals. Some players want to play football at the highest level, some want university options and some want jobs in sports. As a club we can give them opportunities and knowledge to support their development.

Our pathway begins when the players are put into either the SCL squad or the Tactic squad. There is no difference on playing ability, this is decided on the player's education timetable. The SCL & Tactic squads are known as our 'club sides' this enabled the players to excel in their teams, express themselves and transfer everything learnt in training into a game situation. We are currently in negotiations with a local side to run their Under 23 side for the 2024/2025 season this is squad will be known as our 'International Side' playing in this enables the players to play in one of the most competitive midweek U23 leagues. Every player on the programme is eligible for the U23 team and players progressing well in their 'club sides' will have the opportunity to play Under 23 football in order to develop their skills and progress at more competitive level.





SUFC COLLEGE ACADEMY AIMS

At Sutton United we want to give players the opportunity to reach their highest potential both within the game and as individuals. The programme allows young people to develop their life skills whilst forming and sustaining positive relationships with a variety of people.

We want to build strong local communities where everyone has the opportunity and support to achieve their goals. Participation in the Sutton United College programme undoubtedly increases physical well-being, consequently having a positive impact on mental well-being too.

We want to increase the sporting, education and employment opportunities for young people within our local community and this course provides the ideal opportunity for players to do this.



SUFC COLLEGE ACADEMY ACHIEVEMENTS



KYLIAN KOUASSI

Kylian was a striker with the Sutton United College Programme who was scouted by the EFL U18 academy. He trained with academy for one year was rewarded with his first professional contract with Sutton United at the start of the 2021/2022 season and was a regular first team player until he was sold to EFL League One side Blackpool Football Club in the summer of 2023

TEIJE BROWN-BAMI

Teije is currently in his first year with us on the Sutton United College programme, he has already achieved so much in short space of time with him being the current top goal scorer in the SCL League and has recently gone on trial with our EFL Academy team. We have helped Teije find regular mens football and plays at Step 5 each weekend as part of his development.



STEFAN AIWONE

Stefan finished his two year course at the end of last season, during his two years with us he captained every team on the College Programme. He achieved a diploma in Sports Coaching and is planning on going to university in October 2024. Stefan also has a Sutton United first team appearance to his name and is currently doing a one year apprenticeship with us as a coach.





PLAYER EXPECTATIONS

We at Sutton United Football Club and Sports Group International , are providing a top class football and education programme for players. In return, there are some player requirements and expectation:

- **Communicate with Coaches:** We use an app where we are able to communicate events, training and match schedules, receive player availability and post any relevant messages.
- **Compliance with players' Code of Conduct:** This is vitally important for participating in the programme, formed in partnership with players, coaches and college tutors.
- **Commitment:** Training and matchday is timetabled like college lessons, attendance to all in a timely manner is crucial as education facilitates football.
- **Good Work Ethic:** Players must give 100% effort and show desire to develop
- **Correct Kit:** All players are part of the Sutton United family and represent the club on a daily basis, it is important to look and feel professional.





UPCOMING 2024/2025 SEASON TRIALS

SIGN UP TODAY!

HALF TERM TRIALS : FEBRUARY 2024

DATE | Monday 12th February 2024

VENUE | AFC Whyteleafe – CR3 OAR

REGISTRATION | 2.00PM

TRIAL TIME | 2.30PM-4.30PM

EASTER HOLIDAY TRIALS : APRIL 2024

DATE | Friday 12th April 2024

VENUE | AFC Whyteleafe – CR3 OAR

REGISTRATION | 10.00AM

TRIAL TIME | 11.00AM-1.00PM

HALF TERM TRIALS : MAY 2024

DATE | Monday 27th May 2024

VENUE | VBS Community Stadium – SM1 2EY

REGISTRATION | 10.00AM

TRIAL TIME | 11.00AM-1.00PM

AFC WHYTELEAFE

Church Road, Whyteleafe, CR3 OAR.

VBS COMMUNITY STADIUM

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IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN TAKING PART IN ONE OF OUR UPCOMING TRIALS PLEASE EMAIL SUTTON UNITED COLLEGE ACADEMY PROGRAMME LEAD HARRY MARTIN AT HARRY.MARTIN@SUTTONUNITED.NET WHO WILL SEND YOU A REGISTRATION LINK IN ORDER TO SECURE YOUR PLACE WITH US.





College Academy Graduate Kylian Kouassi makes his EFL League Two first team debut against Rochdale FC – Saturday 5th March 2022



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