

# **BUXTON FC INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL ACADEMY**



In partnership with



**UNIVERSITY OF  
DERBY**

**YOUR PATHWAYS.  
YOUR FUTURE.**



***FOOTBALL.  
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# Buxton FC are on a journey.

## *Be part of it.*

Based in England UK, home of the Premier League, Buxton Football Club has partnered with the **University of Derby** to offer an exceptional opportunity for young footballers from all over the world to fulfil their dreams.

Nestled on the edge of the **Peak District National Park**, yet less than an hour's drive or train ride away from **Manchester International Airport**, the town of Buxton is the perfect setting for a young aspiring player looking to make his mark in the world of football. This idyllic location, with several iconic stadiums including **Old Trafford**, the **Etihad** and **Anfield** nearby, places you at the heart of England, the country that gave the world football.

Following major investment at the Tarmac Silverlands Stadium and under the steer of a dynamic Board,

Buxton Football Club now boasts **one of the best 4G pitches in Europe** with the ambition and intent to progress.

The management and coaching staff at Buxton FC are committed to developing young talented players and are proud to partner with the **University of Derby** to deliver our educational programme. The UoD was voted **Top 10** in the world for international student learning experience and the support given to international students is recognised as the best of all UK universities<sup>1</sup>. As part of this opportunity and our 'One Club' approach, the highest performing players will be selected to train with our **Development Squad** and **First Team**. Young footballers with an interest in backroom/coaching, will find this programme offers an abundance of opportunities, including game analysis and professional badges.





# FOOTBALL

As an International Academy player, you will train several hours a day during the week at the Tarmac Silverlands Stadium. Our 'One Club' approach dictates that all levels of football at Buxton FC will be open to you depending on the needs of the club, your ability and subject to eligibility. Typically, the International Academy footballers will play competitive matches representing Buxton FC Development team in Step 7 of the non-league pyramid, this is a highly competitive league with all home fixtures being played at the Tarmac Silverlands Stadium. Eligible players who excel at this level will begin the process of integration into the First Team competing at Step 3 of the non-league pyramid in the Northern Premier League Premier Division as well as in one of the world's most prestigious competitions, the FA Cup.

In addition to your own training, you will also be invited to attend as a spectator all Buxton FC home games (providing there is no clash with your playing commitments) and, once a term, you will visit a Premier League or Championship Club to watch a match.

## TECHNOLOGY

Using the latest in wearable GPS and video technology, our coaches will work with players both collectively and on an individual level to enhance all areas of performance and create bespoke development plans.





# COACHING

You will train under the guidance of our professional team including a range of specialists from UEFA-A level coaches to goalkeeping experts. As an evaluation centre for UEFA licensing, our Academy players have opportunities to work with some of the best up and coming coaches including ex-international and Premier League stars.



**Pascal Chimbonda**  
(ex Wigan Athletic,  
Tottenham Hotspur &  
French World Cup player)



**Wes Brown**  
(ex Manchester United,  
Sunderland &  
England player)



**Emile Heskey**  
(ex Liverpool,  
Aston Villa &  
England Player)

# THE COURSE

The course has been designed in partnership with industry leaders, to equip you with the skills that employers are looking for and is delivered flexibly, allowing you to continue to train on a full-time basis.

## YOU WILL:

- gain invaluable knowledge and practical skills, applied experience, relevant vocational qualifications
- learn from an expert teaching team who are all actively involved in research, high-performance sport and applied sport science consultancy
- have monthly assessments in the University Sports Centre with its state-of-the-art biomechanics and performance analysis suite

## MODULES INCLUDE:

- Applied Coaching & Training
- Vocational & Experiential Development
- Integrated Sport Science





Over and above the fundamental elements of the course, you will have the opportunity to select any or all of the following additional options:

- FA Level 1 Coaching qualification, progressing to Level 2 in the second year of your studies
- Specialist Sports Nutrition training
- First Aid qualification
- Muscle Injury Prevention and Sports Rehab
- Psychology in Sport
- English Language

## Course Entry Requirements:

You must be 18 years old on or before 1st September 2021.

The University requires an IELTS score of 6.0 (with a minimum of 5.5 in each skill area).





# FACILITIES & SUPPORT



As a University of Derby student you will be entitled to the full range of support which includes:

- Use of all facilities at the University of Derby campuses including library, shops, restaurants and sports centre
- Access to additional learning support if needed
- Personal academic tutor who will work with you to help you get the most out of your time at University
- Careers and employability advice
- Guidance from specialist mentors to support students with their work-based learning commitments in areas such as coaching, video analysis, strength and conditioning, and talent identification



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ON-SITE FITNESS SUITE



**ACADEMY SQUAD TRAVELLING  
TO AN AWAY FIXTURE!**







# FEES

**International Academy fee** payable to Buxton FC £14,750 per year\*. Includes breakfast (in halls) seven days a week, hot home-cooked lunch and dinner Monday-Friday (served at the Club) plus your kit bundle comprising 2 x training T shirts, 2 x shorts, 2 x socks, 1 x tracksuit, 1 x hoody, 1 x polo shirt, 1 x rain jacket, 1 x kit bag

**Academic fee** – payable to University of Derby - £14,045 per year

**Accommodation** – payable to High Peak Halls – approximately £6,000 (TBC), 42-week contract

\*please note, this figure is exclusive of recruitment commission





# ACCOMMODATION

You will be based at the Tarmac Silverlands Stadium, home of Buxton FC First Team, just walking distance from your accommodation at High Peak Halls.

For more information visit:  
[www.derby.ac.uk/life/accommodation/our-halls/high-peak-halls-buxton/](http://www.derby.ac.uk/life/accommodation/our-halls/high-peak-halls-buxton/)





# BUXTON

The picturesque quintessential English market town of Buxton has been welcoming visitors since Roman times, drawn by its natural thermal springs and stunning setting. D deservedly popular for its Georgian and Victorian architecture, born of an ambition to create a spa town to rival Bath, back in the 18th century. Among its finest gems are the recently restored Grade I listed centrepiece The Crescent, a five-star hotel and spa, the striking Devonshire Dome where the University campus is found and the exquisite Edwardian Opera House, home of internationally-renowned Buxton Festival and a host of other festivals, theatre, music and comedy shows throughout the year. Both residents and visitors today enjoy a choice selection of independent local retailers and cafés, restaurants, pubs and bars.



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# ACADEMY STUDENTS SIGNING FIRST TEAM PAPERS



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