



CLAYESMORE

INTERNATIONAL
FOOTBALL
ACADEMY



INCLUSIVE EXCELLENCE

ELITE FOOTBALL. INDIVIDUAL JOURNEYS. EXTRAORDINARY FUTURES.

At Clayesmore International Football Academy, ambitious young players can combine high-performance football development with an outstanding independent school education.

Set within 60 acres of beautiful Dorset countryside, Clayesmore provides an exceptional environment in which young people can train, learn, compete, explore and grow.

Our approach puts the individual player first. Every player has different abilities, ambitions and long-term goals, and their development pathway is shaped accordingly.

SPORTING EXCELLENCE

DEVELOP YOUR GAME. CHALLENGE YOURSELF. REACH YOUR POTENTIAL.

Football is at the heart of the Clayesmore International Football Academy. Our high-performance programme is designed for ambitious young players who want to develop their ability, understand their game and progress towards their goals.

INDIVIDUAL-FIRST DEVELOPMENT

Every player has a personalised pathway based on their ability, ambitions and long-term goals. Rather than taking a one-size-fits-all approach, we identify each player's strengths and areas for development and provide the right challenge, support and opportunities at every stage of their journey.

PROFESSIONAL CLUB CONNECTIONS

Fixtures and relationships across the professional game create opportunities for players to gain exposure, test themselves against high-level opposition and experience the standards of the professional environment.

ACCESS TO THE FOOTBALL PYRAMID

Players are supported to access opportunities at the appropriate level within the football pyramid, providing valuable experience, exposure, development and progression.

PROVEN PLAYER PROGRESSION

The academy's wider track record includes progression into professional football, university, US scholarships and successful player development across multiple nationalities.

A COMPLETE APPROACH TO PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

TECHNICAL

Developing technique, ball mastery, passing, receiving, finishing and individual skill.

PHYSICAL

Developing athleticism, movement, fitness and physical confidence appropriate to each player's stage of development.

MENTAL

Building resilience, concentration, confidence and the ability to respond positively to challenge.

TACTICAL

Building game intelligence, decision-making and an understanding of how to influence the game.

PERFORMANCE

Applying learning in competitive situations and developing the mindset required to perform under pressure.



ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

ELITE FOOTBALL, EMBEDDED IN EDUCATION.

At Clayesmore, high-performance football is delivered as an integral part of an outstanding independent school education.

Football and education are not competing priorities. They work together to create a balanced programme in which pupils can pursue sporting ambition without limiting their academic opportunities.

Small classes and individual support allow teachers to know each pupil well and help them achieve their academic potential.

SMALL CLASS SIZES

More individual attention and a learning environment where pupils are known and encouraged to contribute.

PERSONALISED ACADEMIC SUPPORT

Teachers understand each pupil's strengths and areas for development and provide the challenge and support they need to progress.

BROAD ACADEMIC PATHWAYS

A wide range of subjects and qualifications allows pupils to pursue their interests while keeping future opportunities open.

LEX – LEARNING BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

A distinctive Clayesmore programme developing communication, creativity, leadership, resilience and real-world skills.

SIXTH FORM OPPORTUNITIES

A Levels and BTECs, alongside leadership, enrichment, sport and university preparation.

PERSONAL EXCELLENCE

BECOME MORE THAN THE PLAYER YOU CAME TO BE.

At Clayesmore, pupils develop the qualities that enable them to thrive when things become challenging: resilience, confidence, communication, leadership, independence and consideration for others.

Through football, LEX, boarding and the wider life of the school, pupils are encouraged to step outside their comfort zone, take responsibility and learn from experience.

These are qualities that stay with you long after the final whistle.



CREATIVE EXCELLENCE

DISCOVER WHAT ELSE YOU CAN DO.

Football may be your passion, but it does not have to define you.

Clayesmore encourages pupils to explore their creativity and discover talents beyond the football pitch.

From music, drama and performance to art, design and creative projects, pupils have opportunities to express themselves, take risks and develop new skills.



INCLUSIVE EXCELLENCE

AT CLAYESMORE, THERE IS NOT ONE TYPE OF EXCELLENCE.

SPORTING

Developing talent, ambition and performance.

ACADEMIC

Building knowledge, curiosity and future opportunity.

PERSONAL

Developing confidence, resilience and character.

CREATIVE

Exploring imagination, expression and new possibilities.

BECAUSE WE ARE NOT HERE TO CREATE ONE TYPE OF PLAYER.

**WE ARE HERE TO HELP EVERY PLAYER BECOME
THE BEST VERSION OF THEMSELVES.**

FIND YOUR FUTURE

MORE THAN A FOOTBALL PATHWAY.

Football can open doors – but where those doors lead is unique to every player.

BEYOND THE PITCH

Clayesmore prepares pupils for successful futures within and beyond professional football, with opportunities to develop career awareness, explore industry connections and build the skills needed for life after the game.

YOUR PATHWAY COULD LEAD TO

PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL

Developing technique, ball mastery, passing, receiving, finishing and individual skill.

UNIVERSITY

Developing athleticism, movement, fitness and physical confidence appropriate to each player's stage of development.

US COLLEGE SPORT

Building game intelligence, decision-making and an understanding of how to influence the game.

LIFE BEYOND FOOTBALL

Building resilience, concentration, confidence and the ability to respond positively to challenge.





CLAYESMORE

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| 01 Main Entrance | 16 Senior Art and DT |
| 02 Clayesmore Nursery | 17 Sixth Form
Common Room |
| 03 The Writer's Block | 18 The Cookery School |
| 04 The Seddon Building | 19 Chapel |
| 05 Aubrey House | 20 The Jubilee Building:
Science, ICT and
Learning Support |
| 06 The Everett Building | 21 The Business School |
| 07 Music Department | 22 Main House |
| 08 Prep Art and DT | 23 Wolverton House |
| 09 Health and
Wellbeing Centre | 24 The Bower |
| 10 Manor House | 25 Transport |
| 11 Gate House | 26 Astro Turf |
| 12 Sports Centre and
Swimming Pool | 27 Senior Sports Fields |
| 13 The Peter Burke
Memorial Theatre | 28 Tennis and
Netball Courts |
| 14 King's House | 29 Prep Sports Fields |
| 15 The Spinney Centre | |

SUCCESS STORIES



NATHAN FRASER

Nathan Fraser is a professional footballer who plays as a striker for Premier League side Wolverhampton Wanderers. Nathan progressed through the club's Academy, working with Luke during his early development, and has gone on to represent the Republic of Ireland at youth international level.



FILOZOFE MABETE

Filozofe Mabete progressed through the Wolverhampton Wanderers Academy from the age of 12, developing through the club's youth system before earning his first professional contract. Having worked with Luke during his early development, Filozofe has gone on to play senior football with Swindon Town, while also representing the Democratic Republic of the Congo in international youth football.



JACK TOLLEY

Jack Tolley joined us at 16 after spending 10 years in the West Bromwich Albion Academy. Following his time on our programme, Jack went on to earn a professional contract with Hereford United, marking another important step in his footballing journey.



DEXTER LEMBIKISA

Dexter Lembikisa is a professional footballer who progressed through the Wolverhampton Wanderers Academy from the age of 13. Having worked with Luke during his development at the Academy, Dexter went on to make his senior debut for Wolves and represent Jamaica at international level.



KAILAN GATER

Kailan Gater joined Kidderminster Harriers at the age of 12, developing under the guidance of Luke and his team. His hard work and progression have seen him earn an U16 goalkeeper contract with Premier League club Nottingham Forest.



GIANFRANCO ARGIRELLIS

Gianfranco joined us at the age of 15, spending valuable time developing his game in the UK. Having returned to Australia, he now plays for Sydney FC U16s, continuing his footballing journey and building on the experience gained during his time with us.



ARCHIE HILL

Archie Hill joined the Kidderminster Harriers junior setup, developing through the club's youth system before earning a scholarship with Cheltenham Town at the age of 16.



LINCOLN HUNT

After joining our programme and working with our team, Lincoln was put forward for a trial with Walsall FC, giving him the opportunity to showcase his ability at a professional club. He impressed during his trial and went on to earn a scholarship with the club.



SAMSON HEWETT

Samson came through the Kidderminster Harriers Academy, developing under the guidance of Luke and his team before signing a professional contract with the National League side at the age of 17. He was also selected to represent the England Colleges team in 2023.

MEET THE TEAM

EXPERT COACHING. PROVEN EXPERIENCE.

Our academy is led by experienced football professionals with backgrounds spanning professional academies, international football, sports science, talent identification and player development.

LUKE ASTLEY

ACADEMY DIRECTOR | UEFA A LICENCE

A former Nottingham Forest and West Bromwich Albion youth player, Luke is a UEFA A Licence coach with extensive experience across professional football. His career includes working as an Academy Manager, FA Coach Developer and within Category 1 academy environments, giving him a wealth of experience in developing players at the highest levels of the game.

BRETT MORRIS

DIRECTOR OF SPORTS SCIENCE

Brett holds a First Class BSc in Sport and Exercise Science and an MRes in Sport and Exercise. With more than seven years' experience spanning grassroots football through to senior professionals, his background includes working within the Sports Science team at Wolverhampton Wanderers' Category 1 Academy.



LOUIS ROSS

PLAYER DEVELOPMENT & PASTORAL SUPPORT

Louis has worked across academy environments in football, rugby and cricket, as well as within independent schools. He specialises in supporting young athletes through key transitions and helping them balance the demands of high-performance sport with education and personal development.

CRAIG HATFIELD

UEFA QUALIFIED COACH

Craig is a UEFA-qualified coach and Head of Youth at a National League club. With several years' experience in youth development, Craig has played a key role in the progression of players who have gone on to secure professional contracts.

DAVE STEVENS

UEFA A LICENCE COACH

Dave holds a UEFA A Licence and brings extensive experience across both men's and women's football. His career includes Aston Villa, Manchester City and the England Senior Women's and U-19 teams, with experience spanning coaching, scouting, technical development, talent identification and player reporting.

THE CLAYESMORE DIFFERENCE

A PLACE TO BELONG. A PLACE TO BELIEVE. A
PLACE TO BECOME.

Set within 60 acres of beautiful Dorset countryside, Clayesmore gives pupils space to train, learn, explore and enjoy being part of a vibrant school community.

Day and boarding pupils share the same opportunities, friendships and experiences, creating a welcoming environment for pupils from across the UK and around the world. Outstanding EAL provision is available for international pupils, alongside individual academic support and a supportive school community.

From the classroom to the sports field, from LEX experiences to boarding life, pupils are encouraged to try new things, challenge themselves and discover their individual strengths.

This is the Clayesmore journey – and it starts here.



YOUR SCHOOL. YOUR JOURNEY.
YOUR FUTURE.



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AGES 7-18
BOYS & GIRLS
DAY & BOARDING