

EDUCATION PROSPECTUS

STUDY, TRAIN, PLAY.

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”

– Nelson Mandela



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WHO WE ARE

Since 2014, we have partnered with League Football Education (LFE) to provide learners aged 16-19, the opportunity to **"study, train and play"**.

Our Sports College is here for students, within Nottinghamshire and its surrounding areas, to build their knowledge of sports topics and to guide them through pathways of education, training and employment.

We look to enhance skills, understanding and experience within our courses on offer. Mansfield Town Community Trust Sports College is committed to ensuring that no learner is left behind, signposting everyone towards a successful future within the ever-growing sports industry, whether that be higher education, employment or even something else.



OUR AIMS AND VALUES

At our Sports College, we look to utilise the same values of the Community trust, in that we are "committed to creating a positive impact in our town and the surrounding areas to help everyone achieve their own potential".

In our Sports College we aim to:

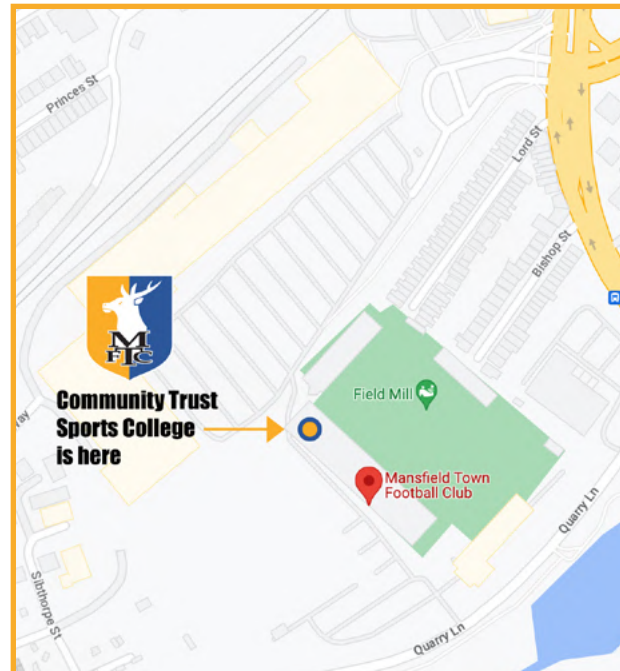
1. Support ALL learners through an engaging and stimulating curriculum which facilitates learning and progression opportunities.
2. Encourage creativity and practical study within Post-16 and Higher Education programmes.
3. Facilitate sessions inside a safe and inclusive classroom, which enhances learning and challenges all learners to achieve their potential and above.
4. Develop academic, personal and professional skills to shape the future for our learners and provide the pathways for academic development.

WHERE YOU WILL STUDY

All aspects of our Education and Games programme takes place at the One Call Stadium, the home of Mansfield Town Football Club.

Your lessons take place in our community classrooms; training is run on our 3G pitches and the games programme uses the 11-a-side grass pitch next to it, which is maintained by our professional ground staff team.

Club address:
One Call Stadium
Quarry Lane
Mansfield
NG18 5DA



NCFE LEVEL 2 DIPLOMA IN SPORT

ABOUT THE COURSE

Firstly, there are no entry requirements onto our Level 2 programme.

The Level 2 NCFE qualification is a full-time, 1 year course which is targeted at learners who have an interest in expanding their knowledge in different areas of sport. Upon completing the course, it allows for automatic progression onto our Level 3 Diploma or Extended Diploma BTEC courses.

The Level 2 programme will also allow learners to build key skills in practical coaching sessions, supported & led by our highly qualified FA Level 2 and UEFA B coaches.

Learners are also able to represent the Community Trust, in playing as part of our Post-16 squad, based at the One Call Stadium.

LEVEL 2. UNITS OF STUDY:

- Participating in Sport.
- Sports Coaching.
- Developing Sporting Skills and Tactical Awareness.
- Anatomy and Physiology.
- Introduction to Healthy Exercise and Nutrition.
- Performance Analysis for Sport.
- Physical Fitness and Injuries in Sport.



HOW TO APPLY

For all enquiries, please email our head of education regarding any questions or application forms. Details on our **'Contact us'** page.



BTEC LEVEL 3 DIPLOMA IN SPORTS COACHING & DEVELOPMENT

ABOUT THE COURSE

Our Level 3 BTEC Diploma is a 2-year, full-time course which is the next step for learners who may have studied a Level 2 BTEC, GCSE PE courses, or similar in years 10 & 11.

In order to enrol on the Diploma, learners require a minimum of 4 GCSE'S, graded 4-9, or alternatively a pass in a Level 2 Sport qualification.

The Level 3 programmes are 100% coursework based, learners do not sit any end-of-year exams and on the L3 Diploma pathway study 7 units.

The Level 3 Diploma also allows learners to build key skills in practical coaching sessions, supported and led by our highly qualified FA Level 2 & UEFA B coaches. Learners are also able to represent the Community Trust, in playing as part of our Post-16 squad, based at the One Call Stadium.

LEVEL 3 EXTENDED DIPLOMA. UNITS OF STUDY:

- Research project in Sport*.
- Sport Psychology.
- Nutrition for Sports Performance.
- Technical & Tactical Skills in Sport.
- Anatomy & Physiology.
- Rules, Regulations & Officiating.
- Fitness Testing (or) Fitness Training & Programming.
- Ethical and Current Issues in Sport.
- Sports Injuries.

BTEC LEVEL 3 EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN SPORTS COACHING AND DEVELOPMENT

ABOUT THE COURSE

Learners with 5 or more GCSE'S at grade 4 or above will be encouraged to study on the Level 3 Extended Diploma, which is equivalent to 3 A-levels.

The Extended Diploma is also a 2-year, full time course, which is also 100% coursework assessed.

Those who are enrolled on the Extended Diploma will study a total of 12 units across the two years – these will be the same as those listed in the Diploma, with a total of 6 additional units of study (1x mandatory*) that are determined by learner interests & specific needs.

LEVEL 3 DIPLOMA. UNITS OF STUDY:

- Careers in Sport.
- Health, Well-Being and Sport.
- Developing & Enhancing Coaching Skills.
- Sport Development.
- Self-Employment in Sport.
- 1x optional unit, based on interests & learner needs.

DID YOU KNOW?

Upon joining the BTEC Level 3 programme, new cohorts will determine their optional units of study. Your studies are tailored around your interests!



UNDERGRADUATE STUDY AT MANSFIELD TOWN COMMUNITY TRUST SPORTS COLLEGE

FOUNDATION DEGREE IN SPORTS COACHING AND DEVELOPMENT (2 YEARS STUDY)

*WITH AN OPTION FOR A TOP-UP YEAR TO BSC (HONS) SPORTS COACHING AND DEVELOPMENT

STUDY WITH US, IN CLUB, TO BUILD YOUR NEXT STEPS TOWARDS A CAREER IN THE SPORTS INDUSTRY - SUPPORTED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH WALES.

Higher Education applicants should apply online via UCAS. The USW institution code is W01. Applicants can also apply directly using an online application form via www.southwales.ac.uk/apply

ABOUT THE COURSE

Delivered in partnership with the University of South Wales, our two-year Foundation Degree programme is designed for individuals looking to attain a qualification in Higher Education and those who are passionate about pursuing a career in the sports industry.

Whilst on the course, Students gain relevant sector knowledge through their learning opportunities and develop the necessary skills, qualities and characteristics provided through relevant work experience to prepare you for a range of Sport Coaching, Teaching and Development roles.

In your placement activities away from your classroom studies, you will engage with grassroots community projects giving

you the opportunity to work with a varied and diverse range of individuals that offers you a well-rounded appreciation of the profession.

HOW YOU WILL STUDY?

The degree is delivered remotely, via online material. A combination of pre-recorded and live online sessions are produced by USW Lecturers and facilitated at Mansfield Town Community Trust Sports College by our Club Mentors.

All lectures, seminars and tutorials are **facilitated in club** in a supportive and inspirational environment. **Interactive tasks and guest sessions will also be included amongst the content materials delivered.**

YEAR ONE MODULES

- Academic Research and Professional Skills.
- Introduction to Sports Coaching.
- Introduction to Sports Science for Coaching.
- Introduction to Sport Development.
- Managing Sport and Sport Development in practice.

YEAR TWO MODULES

- Project Management.
- Sport Placement (double module).
- Community Sports Development.
- Physical Education and School Sport.
- Sports Coaching and Leadership.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

- 160 UCAS Points.
- Three GCSE's, graded 5-9 (A*-C equivalent).
- FA Level 1 Certificate in Coaching.

DID YOU KNOW?

Once you pass the foundation degree you will have the option to continue with your studies and progress to a top-up year to gain a BSC (HONS) Sports Coaching and Development degree.

RESIDENTIAL VISITS

As part of your higher education studies, the course features a blend of online and traditional teaching methods to create an active and social community of learning in sport.

The course will feature two opportunities to attend the University for two residential visits, spending a minimum of seven days each year on campus in South Wales.

The visits provide an opportunity to consolidate your learning through face-to-face activities, for you to undertake practical coaching and oral assessments and also access the multi-million pound Sports Park.

Accommodation is provided at no extra cost for learners during these visits and transport is facilitated by your partner clubs (Mansfield Town Community Trust Sports College).

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates can enter a number of different careers, such as: Sport Development Officers, Community Sports Coaching, School Sport Co-Ordinators, Multi-Skills Coaching, PE Teacher (Primary and Secondary), NGB Officers, Social Inclusion Officers, Community Managers and Self-Employed Business Managers.

COACHES CORNER

Mark Lynk started off at Mansfield Town as a player at the age of 14 and was with the club for 3 years, before coming back to join the Community Trust In February 2014, as a full time coach and has never looked back.

Mark holds his UEFA B coaching license and his role within the club now is the 'Lead Coach for Post-16 Education' - in which he is tasked to train and support the students to not only improve their footballing ability and understanding of the game, but to also be the best role model he can be. He takes a holistic approach, showing care for all needs and will support technical, tactical, physical and psychological development to performance within Football.

During Mark's time at the club he has also worked on many different programmes, working with a variety of age groups which has helped him progress as a coach. Mark has also gained experience by going out to the United States for a period of 4 months, bringing back new skills and ideas of what he had learnt, to support our community.



TRAIN, PLAY AND REPRESENT US

TRAINING

Takes place on-site at the One Call Stadium, working both on the 3G and grass pitches - where we will look to prepare the students for our upcoming matches.

In training, players will work on the technical and tactical aspects of the game, as well as their fitness levels, where we will look to improve the player's ability levels and the understanding of the game.

Training takes place every day when you are in College.

GAMES PROGRAMME

As part of our Post-16 Education pathway, League and Cup matches are scheduled weekly against other professional Football Clubs who are studying on the same Education and Development programmes as you, competing in 11-a-side matches in the EFL CEFA League against regionalised opponents, including Derby, Forest, West Brom, Wolves and Birmingham; the team also participates in the EFL CEFA Cup Competition against sides located all across England.



CASE STUDIES

WHAT OUR ALUMNI HAS TO SAY

NATHAN DILLON (2020-22 GRADUATE)

Alongside completing the BTEC Programme, I have been able to volunteer with the Community Trust to develop valuable skills and knowledge in the coaching field. After passing the course with D*D*D*, I have moved to Manchester as a UCFB student, studying BA (HONS) in Football Coaching and Management Degree to further strengthen my abilities and experiences as a coach.



SOPHIE LUNN (2020-22 GRADUATE)

I really enjoyed my time on the programme. Completing the BTEC course has supported my next steps in education.

I am now attending the University of Lincoln, studying an undergraduate degree in Physical Education and Sport. I'm hoping to become a PE Teacher in a secondary school.



LEWIS FREEMAN (2021-23 GRADUATE)

This course has helped me understand the different career choices available within sports and the different assignments and units have shown me what it takes to get a career in sports. Through the course, I have experienced different situations compared to if I would have gone to a different college.

During this course I have been able to play football matches in different places, against different teams. I have also had the opportunity to play on Mansfield Town's first team pitch on two different occasions, which was a great experience as I didn't expect it when I joined the course.

BRADLEY GILES (2020-22 GRADUATE)

Having completed work experience in year 10 at Stags, I joined the BTEC Course in 2020 and graduated with a level 3 BTEC Extenden Diploma. The college course itself is a brilliant opportunity to meet new people and stay active & fit whilst completing studies.

I enjoyed playing at different professional clubs! You will also get opportunities to go to university open day visits which was very informative. I now work as an apprentice at Mansfield Town Community Trust!



LEWIS' STORY



I am Lewis and at the time of writing this I am about to complete my first year on the Level 3 BTEC extended diploma course, AND what an unbelievable year it has been for me joining Mansfield Town CTSC!

Upon joining the course back in September 2022, I was quite apprehensive, as it was not my first choice, but I have thoroughly enjoyed everything that the College has offered me during my 12 year studies.

From the tutor, Ben - to my coaches, Mark - and then to the other students at the college, every one of them has made my experience thoroughly enjoyable so

far. My classmates are unbelievable people, who are friendly, funny and overall great friends!

The biggest excitement of the course has been the football, where I have had opportunities to play on the first team pitch at the One Call Stadium, as well as at both Birmingham City and Derby County's training grounds, not forgetting the RH Academy in Mansfield.

Nevertheless, the educational side is just as enjoyable, with Ben making lessons fun and Engaging across different topics like Anatomy and Physiology, Health, Well-Being and Sport, and Technical & Tactical skills. Most importantly for me, the education provision does not feel like a school environment - it is far more relaxed and a great and safe place to learn.

Across all the units so far, I have been pushed to work towards the highest grades possible and with all of the extra support I have been given, this has been possible.

It is a fantastic college and I would recommend it to everyone in the area who is looking for a supportive provision for their post-16 future, and beyond in the sports industry!

The Education Programme at Mansfield Town CTSC continues to grow and with learners like Lewis, we have been able to build the numbers of our cohorts of the future and it has allowed us to launch new programmes such as the NCFE Level 2 and partner with USW to support learners and encourage them to stay with us in Higher Education - ultimately growing our own workforce.

It's great to see learners have those 'lightbulb moments' in my lessons and I thrive on being an inspiration them, encouraging them all towards taking the next steps in their futures within the ever-growing Sports Industry.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

DO I NEED TO PASS MATHS & ENGLISH TO ENROL?

Ideally yes, however if you meet the entry requirements without passing either, we can support you with retakes for each subject, via our excellent tutoring team... One-to-one sessions take place just once a week for those who need it, to support you in achieving the grade 4, or above!

DOES THE COURSE OFFER ANYTHING ELSE FOR ME?

As well as academic progress, we will support learners personal development too within tutorial based sessions, focused around areas such as Money Management, Mental Health, University/Job applications and much more!

WHERE CAN THE LEVEL 3 COURSE TAKE ME?

Upon completing the Level 3 BTEC programme, learners will have built a vast amount of knowledge in different areas of sport which could see them progress onto higher education courses at university, apprenticeships, or employment in the ever growing sports-sector!

WHAT DOES A NORMAL COLLEGE DAY LOOK LIKE?

A normal college day includes:

- a 1.5 hour training session,
- a 2.5 hour lesson, and also a chance for 'independent study' to complete pre-lesson tasks & assignments.

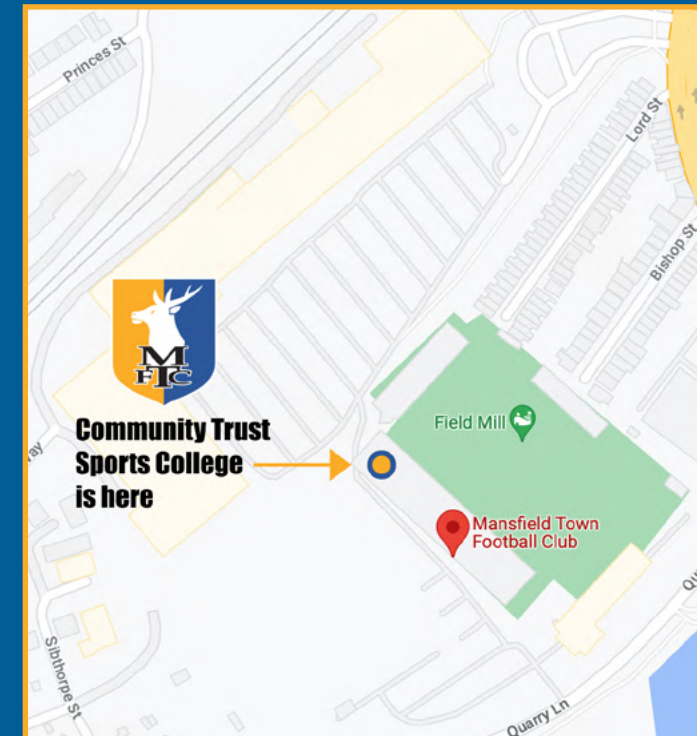
CAN I GET ANY FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO HELP WITH TRAVEL COSTS, ETC.?

Learners may be eligible for a bursary & should apply internally at any point during the academic year! Applying for a student card may also be a good option to secure discounts on purchases in different stores!

COULD I GO ON TO WORK FOR MANSFIELD TOWN COMMUNITY TRUST?

Absolutely! If you apply yourself in the correct manner, be proactive, volunteer to support our coaching sessions, engage well with the course & complete work experience with us, then a job could very well be in the pipeline for you after graduating!

CONTACT US



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**"Success is no accident.
It is hard work, perseverance,
learning, studying, sacrifice
and most of all, A love of what
you are doing."**

— Pelé



**YOUR FUTURE IN SPORT.
YOUR EDUCATION WITH US.**