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ADAM TUTTON

CEO BRISTOL ROVERS COMMUNITY TRUST



WELCOME

As Chief Executive Officer for Bristol Rovers Community Trust, I am delighted to welcome you to our latest Education Prospectus.

Bristol Rovers Community Trust work with a wide spectrum of the community, offering education, health, inclusion, and sports participation projects to give people the opportunity to enhance and improve their life choices. We aim to engage and inspire people of all ages as well as unite the communities in which they live.

For many people, an alternative educational route gives them a better opportunity to excel. We use the power of sport to provide a range of inspirational courses to fully develop each and every individual. Our BTEC Level 3 in Sport offers an excellent opportunity for males and females, aged 16–19, to continue their education in a truly special and unique environment. We combine both our exceptional classroom delivery and our fantastic football and boxing programme to provide a positive, inspiring learning environment for all.

We also offer a pathway into Higher Education with our Foundation Degree in either Community Football Coaching and Development or Sports Coaching and Development.

These degree courses are run in partnership with The University of South Wales (USW). There is also an opportunity to complete a Top-Up year to gain a full BSc Honours Degree.

During your time with Bristol Rovers Community Trust, you will be supported by fully qualified and experienced educational tutors. All our staff will go the extra mile to support each individual in their academic studies, sporting and personal development. This prospectus is the first step on your road to success with Bristol Rovers Community Trust.



MATT BENNETT

COMMUNITY MANAGER



THE NEW MEANING OF EDUCATION

As an education provider, we are continuing to grow and improve our education provision. Our education department has developed rapidly in recent years and we are extremely proud of the success that we have had, both in the classroom and within football and boxing. This enables our learners to develop life skills as well as maximising career choices and opportunities through carefully designed qualifications, regardless of their academic or sporting background.

Our unique educational courses offer students the opportunity to combine academic studies with a competitive sporting environment. Our football programme offers each student the opportunity to play and represent Bristol Rovers in a national football league, the Community and Education Football Alliance (CEFA). Our teams play against clubs such as Sheffield United, Derby County, AFC Bournemouth, Bristol City, Reading and many more. Our boxing programme gives our students the opportunity to train at the world famous Empire Fighting Chance gymnasium, alongside world champions that include Lee Haskins and Lee Selby.

All of our education courses have limited spaces and they are always extremely popular. If you are interested in enrolling onto one of our courses, please contact us at the earliest opportunity.

Bristol Rovers Community Trust provides local people with routes into various education, employment and training opportunities which are individually tailored to suit their learning needs.



BTEC LEVEL 3 IN SPORTS COACHING AND DEVELOPMENT BOYS' FOOTBALL

The Boys' Football programme for our BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Sports Coaching and Development, is a two year course suitable for Post-16 male students of all playing abilities who have a keen interest in developing a career pathway into the sport industry.



COURSE SUMMARY

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATION

BTEC Level 3 in Sports Coaching and Development

CONTENT

- Opportunity for a qualification, equivalent to three A-Levels
- Up to 13 hours of education per week
- 3 training sessions per week
- Competitive matches representing Bristol Rovers in a national league (CEFA)
- Modules include Sports Coaching, Careers in Sport, Sport Development and Anatomy & Physiology
- Assessed through weekly assignments across the two years
- An opportunity to continue to study for English and Maths GCSE.

ASSOCIATED COSTS

The only cost associated with the course is a compulsory £220 which pays for the Bristol Rovers training kit.

OUR PROGRAMME

The Football & Education Programme is a revolutionary course offering many benefits which include;

- To gain an education whilst representing Bristol Rovers
- Coached by professional Bristol Rovers coaches
- To train and play at the state of the art, £6 million, Lockleaze Sports Centre
- To be part of the team at Bristol Rovers
- To be educated at the heart of The Memorial Stadium
- The opportunity to gain valuable work experience at a professional football club

PREREQUISITES TO APPLY

- A minimum of 4 Level 4 Grades at GCSE (Maths and English are NOT mandatory)
- Or a BTEC Level 2 in Sport

For further information on the course please email education@bristolroverscommunity.org.uk



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This course gave me the best of both worlds, providing me with an interesting and educational BTEC qualification whilst also playing competitive football at top class facilities up and down the country.

James
Bristol Rovers Community Trust Graduate

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I graduated from the course with a Distinction, Merit, Merit. It was a thoroughly enjoyable two years and it's the perfect step to take if you want a career in sport.

Jack
Bristol Rovers Community Trust Graduate

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BTEC LEVEL 3 IN SPORTS COACHING AND DEVELOPMENT GIRLS' FOOTBALL

The Girls' Football programme for our BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Sports Coaching and Development, is a two year course suitable for Post-16 female students of all playing abilities who have a keen interest in developing a career pathway into the sport industry.



COURSE SUMMARY

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATION

BTEC Level 3 in Sports Coaching and Development

CONTENT

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- Competitive matches representing Bristol Rovers in a national league (CEFA)
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I can't speak highly enough about the BTEC course at Bristol Rovers. Here, the classes are smaller, everyone helps each other and the support you get from the tutors is second to none.

Briony Lomas

Bristol Rovers Community Trust Graduate

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I have loved training 3 times a week and being coached by UEFA qualified coaches. I feel I have improved so much within football and cannot wait to carry on my journey here at Bristol Rovers.

Kassia Smith

Current Bristol Rovers Community Trust Student

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OUR FOOTBALL PROGRAMME

THE EFL CEFA LEAGUE

Both our Boys and Girls sides play in the EFL Community Education Football Alliance (CEFA).

Games are played every Wednesday, with all teams playing home and away once a season.

The leagues are split into regions and our teams play against clubs such as Sheffield United, Derby County, West Brom, Portsmouth, AFC Bournemouth, Bristol City, Reading, Swindon Town and many more.

The league also run a National Cup. The cup starts as a group stage, which is split between the north and south. After the group stage the competition is then opened up to a national draw with the possibility of competing against the likes of Manchester City and Chelsea.



OUR FOOTBALL PROGRAMME

TRAINING AT BRISTOL ROVERS

Students train 3 times a week, Monday, Tuesday and Thursdays at the state of the art Lockleaze Sports Centre.

Sessions are an hour and a half long with coaches following a bespoke programme to enhance each player's development.

Monday is a technically orientated session and based upon each player needs. This will give the coaches the opportunity to work on individual aspects of their game.

Tuesday is a game preparation and tactical session. We focus on what is required to organise our teams to give ourselves the best opportunity to achieve positive results on a match day.

Thursday is a recovery and team building session designed to maximise enjoyment for each player. Players will have the opportunity to take a lead on small sections of the session.

Our football programme is designed to give every player the experience of playing for a professional football club.

BTEC LEVEL 3 IN SPORTS COACHING AND DEVELOPMENT BOXING

Bristol Rovers Community Trust's BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Sports Coaching and Development (Boxing), is a two-year course suitable for Post-16 male and females of all boxing abilities who have a keen interest in developing a clear path into opportunities within the sport industry.



COURSE SUMMARY

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATION

BTEC Level 3 in Sports Coaching and Development

CONTENT

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- Up to 13 hours of education per week
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- Modules include Sports Coaching, Careers in Sport, Sport Development and Anatomy & Physiology
- Assessed through weekly assignments across the two years
- An opportunity to continue to study for English and Maths GCSE.

ASSOCIATED COSTS

The only cost associated with the course is a compulsory £220 which pays for the Bristol Rovers training kit and tracksuit as well as a recognised boxing qualification.

OUR PROGRAMME

This programme gives you the opportunity to train in the world famous Empire Boxing Gym. This is a unique opportunity to train alongside professional boxers in one of the country's most successful boxing gyms.

Participants will get the opportunity to train with boxers from all levels, including the world class talents of former World Champions Lee Haskins and Lee Selby. Sessions will be under the expert eyes of Empire's own team of experienced coaches allowing you to follow in the footsteps of previous champions.

Empire Fighting Chance pride themselves on their friendly, easy going atmosphere so you'll soon feel part of the team. Participants in this programme will also get the opportunity to attend many of the professional boxing shows hosted in Bristol.

PREREQUISITES TO APPLY

- A minimum of 4 Level 4 Grades at GCSE (Maths and English are NOT mandatory)
- Or a BTEC Level 2 in Sport

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I have loved combining my education with my boxing training. It allows me to train alongside professional boxers whilst still getting my qualifications.

Ben

Bristol Rovers Community Trust Graduate

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Being a part of Bristol Rovers and Empire Boxing is very special to me. I feel very proud to be able to represent two amazing sporting organisations.

Matt

Bristol Rovers Community Trust Graduate

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CASE STUDY

NATHAN HALLETT-YOUNG

My first impressions of being part of a professional football club was that of any football fanatic... what's not to love? I was playing football every day, competing in a national league with other professional clubs and learning about the different aspects of sport. For a "sporty person", it was heaven.

The BTEC course was an influential part of my career pathway. On completion of the BTEC programme, I achieved an Extended Diploma in Sport as well as a football league winners medal. At the end of my studies a realisation occurred that a career in football coaching was possible.

As part of the course, all students obtained the Football Coaching Level 1 Award. After gaining this and acquiring some coaching experience with Bristol Rovers, I wanted to follow a coaching pathway. Bristol Rovers Community Trust unveiled their Higher Education course in the shape of a Foundation Degree in Community Football Coaching and Development.

I was never very academic, but the staff helped me to achieve my full potential to pursue a career in coaching.

I followed my tutor's advice and continued to improve myself as a coach. I quickly established myself as a reliable lead coach at various community sessions across Bristol.

From here the natural progression was to top up my degree from a foundation to a full BSc Honours. Halfway through my final year, the Community Trust expanded, offering me the chance to step up and become a project lead working with the Premier League Girls Football project.

After I completed my studies, I worked hard to find my feet as a full-time member of the team. I have had some incredibly special experiences working for Bristol Rovers Community Trust. Some of these experiences I will never forget... managing a team in a Wembley Final, becoming 1st team manager of Bristol Rovers Women's FC and walking out the tunnel at The Memorial Stadium, in front of 10,000 screaming Gasheads!

This course has changed my life and helped get me to where I am today. I can't recommend this course enough!

CASE STUDY

KATIE DAVIES



In September 2020 I started my journey here at Bristol Rovers Community Trust, training everyday whilst studying a BTEC Level 3 in Sport. This course was perfect for me to grow as a person and allow me to take the next steps in my career.

During my time here the tutors and coaches provided me with lots of support in the classroom, on the training pitch and with university and job applications.

Having been quiet and reserved when I started out, I found myself really growing and becoming more confident. I almost found it impossible to talk in front of people or in front of a camera but with the support of everyone at Bristol Rovers Community College, I feel so much more confident than ever before.

Training every day at College and playing with the 'Gas Girls' has been invaluable for my development as a player. The Coaches are UEFA Qualified and their expertise and experience make our training sessions enjoyable and push us to the next level.

As part of the College and as a member of Bristol Rovers Women's FC, I had the opportunity to volunteer for the EFL Trust 'Tackling Loneliness' project, which was a programme designed to support elderly supporters throughout the Covid-19 pandemic.

Because of the time that I spent working on this project and my academic work, I was delighted to have been presented with the Joe Davis Achievement Award at the Bristol Rovers End of Season Awards Ceremony. Something that will live with me forever.

Thanks to environment and support that our tutors brought to the college, I managed to graduate with a triple distinction in the BTEC Level 3 in Sport, which was a huge achievement for me. I am now studying a BSc (Hons) Sports Therapy at Hartpury University and loving the latest chapter of my life.

FURTHER OPPORTUNITIES

Here at Bristol Rovers Community Trust we offer our students a wide range of additional opportunities, including valuable work experience at Bristol Rovers. This provides our students with a once in a lifetime, money can't buy experience.



WORK EXPERIENCE AT BRISTOL ROVERS

During their education, each student will be required to complete a work experience placement with Bristol Rovers. This will be an invaluable experience to gain insight into the day to day running of a professional football club and will be a practical application towards their course content.



Students can also participate in our In-House College Tournament at The Memorial Stadium

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It's always been a dream to be a part of my football club. I get to see a lot of what happens behind the scenes and how much hard work is needed to run a club.

Owen
Current Degree Students and
BTEC Graduate

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HOW TO APPLY

STEP ONE

Attend a Bristol Rovers Community Trust Open Evening

OPEN EVENING DATES

Thursday 22nd September 2022

Thursday 20th October 2022

Thursday 24th November 2022

Thursday 26th January 2023

Thursday 16th March 2023

Thursday 4th May 2023

Thursday 29th June 2023

7PM AT THE MEMORIAL STADIUM

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STEP TWO

Complete an Application Form

(www.bristolroverscommunity.org.uk/btec)

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STEP THREE

Attend a suitability meeting and a practical training session

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STEP FOUR

Receive and accept a conditional offer for a place on the course

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STEP FIVE

Applicants formally enrol onto their selected course by attending The Memorial Stadium on GCSE results day

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Hear from some of
our former students and
what they are doing now

WHAT OUR GRADUATES SAY

LUCAS SWAIN-BRITTON

I am currently working as Partnerships Manager for CheckdMedia, which sees me work with all of the UK's leading bookmakers on their marketing campaigns.

The education was fantastic for me at Bristol Rovers. It provided me with a flexible learning environment and a great education to enable me to head to university. For anybody who is considering the course, you'll have the best two years of your life providing you work hard both on and off the pitch!

ELLIE PREECE

I had an amazing two years, studying with Bristol Rovers Community Trust. The tutors are fantastic and it was an honour to represent Bristol Rovers on and off the pitch. Getting the opportunity to play at St. George's Park was a big highlight!

I am currently studying Sport, Physical Education and Health at Cardiff Metropolitan University. I hope to pursue a coaching or teaching career in the future, which is something that I am really interested in doing.

JAMIE HEDGES

I graduated from Bristol Rovers Community Trust in 2018 with a triple merit. I now work as a football scout and work in the recruitment department for the 1st Team here at Bristol Rovers.

I wasn't to sure what I wanted to do when I left school but this course gave me lots of different career options and gave me the opportunity to meet people already within the industry, which i'm very grateful for.

JAKE SLOCOMBE

When I completed the course at Bristol Rovers Community Trust, I went to America on a full soccer scholarship in South Georgia.

I'm now running my own football agency, drafting players from America to Scandanavia, whilst working full time for Reach PLC, in media.

Without my two-years at Bristol Rovers, I wouldn't have had the opportunities to learn about the football industry at such a young age. I am forever grateful for that chance.

MORGAN SEALEY

After I completed the course in 2015, I decided to stay at Bristol Rovers Community Trust and enrol on the Degree Programme in partnership with USW (University of South Wales).

I went on to work for the Trust as an employed Community Coach. I am also now completing and MSc in America. My time at Bristol Rovers has enabled me to access these fantastic opportunities, that other colleges wouldn't be able to.

WILL DIXON

Once I finished the BTEC Level 3 in Sport with Bristol Rovers Community Trust, I enrolled onto the Degree Programme and graduated in 2019.

I am now a full-time coach at Bristol Rovers Community Trust, working in primary schools, on match-days and the various other projects that we run. I'm also an assistant coach for the newly formed Bristol Rovers Women's team that was launched in 2019.



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Here I found a place where I can be myself and have a true passion for sports coaching. Making that decision has changed my life forever and made me truly happy.

Will Dixon

Bristol Rovers Community Trust Graduate

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