

About Us



Since starting in 2020, ECA has developed the reputation as one of the most successful independent football academies in the UK. With regular matches against professional clubs in the UK and Europe, more than 35 players have successfully signed to professional football clubs.

Our 2-year programme for 16–19 year-olds gives aspiring young footballers the chance to combine football and education on a full-time basis mirroring the schedule of professional football apprentices.

With almost 100 full-time students enrolled to the programme, the academy is directed by a very strong leadership team with many years of experience in the professional game.

ECA works with several respectable partners across the football, sports, and academic world, ensuring that every individual has the best experience possible.

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Elite Coaching Academy

Football Academy (Post 16)

MATCHES AGAINST PRO CLUBS

TRIAL OPPORTUNITIES

FULL-TIME TRAINING / EDUCATION PROGRAMME

CAMPS & INTERNATIONAL TOURS



ELITE COACHING ACADEMY



Education Programme

Full-time students study the **NCFE Level 3 Extended Diploma in Sports Coaching** which is equivalent to 3 A-Levels, and delivered by our outstanding team of tutors. Alternatively, **A-Levels** are offered to students who have obtained excellent GCSE grades. **GCSE** resits are offered to students who previously failed in Maths & English at school. In total, students receive 16+ guided learning hours per week.

Football Programme

Players train four times a week and play in a weekly games programme working with UEFA/FA qualified coaches who have a proven track record developing players in the technical, tactical, physical, and social aspects of the game. Players who excel will be part of a holistic games programme against professional clubs.

Community

We are active in the community and aim to make a difference to the lives of many young people. We host charity events and workshops with themes such as knife crime. We visit local schools to deliver sessions, and our college students are involved in the running of community events. We proudly host school cup finals for all year groups in the London Borough of Barking & Dagenham

Trials & Employment Opportunities

40+ players have successfully signed to professional clubs which equates to approximately 10% of all students who have enrolled to ECA since our inception. For the remaining 90%, we offer support and guidance regarding university applications or finding work in football/sport with jobs such as coaching, analysis, and scouting.



WEEKLY TIMETABLE

Mondays

9AM: EDUCATION (4 hours)

1PM: TRAINING (2 hours)

Tuesdays

9AM: EDUCATION (4 hours)

1PM: TRAINING (2 hours)

4PM: GYM (1 hour)

Wednesdays

1PM: MATCH (*League Match*)

Thursdays

9AM: EDUCATION (4 hours)

1PM: TRAINING (2 hours)

Fridays

9AM: EDUCATION (4 hours)

Depending on chosen course(s)

1PM: One-to-one Coaching (1 hour) *Optional*

Saturdays

1PM: MATCH (*Pro Games Programme*)

5PM: TRAINING (2 hours) *Optional*

Sundays

REST DAY

Vocational Courses Available:

NCFE in Sport, BTEC Digital Media, BTEC Engineering.

A-levels Available:

Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Computer Science, Further Maths, English Literature

EDUCATION

- ✓ Study NCFE Level 3 in Sport
- ✓ Study A-Levels
- ✓ Work experience opportunities
- ✓ 16+ hours of education per week

Venues:

Leisure Utd, Dagenham, RM9 5PU (**Football Site**)

Brook 6th Form, Dagenham, RM10 7FN (**Education Site**)

www.brooksixthform.com

Training facilities are located at the recently opened multi-million-pound facility in East London which is also used by professional football clubs such as West Ham Utd and Dagenham & Redbridge. The site has top class gym facilities available for our Strength & Conditioning sessions.

If you are not a full-time student with us (and are with us for the 'football only programme') you would not participate in any timetabled educational lessons and would only participate in our football sessions. While lessons take place in the morning for our full-time scholars, you would be eligible for **one-to-one** coaching from UEFA qualified coaches of professional clubs. You would also have access to the gym facilities.

FOOTBALL PROGRAMME



Matches Against Professional Clubs

Elite Coaching Academy have a full games programme with 25+ games per season against professional football clubs from all over the UK and Europe.

Games generally take place at training grounds of the professional clubs we play against. These matches give young and aspiring footballers fantastic opportunities to showcase their abilities directly in front of scouts, coaches, and directors of professional football clubs.

ECA are proud to have been invited to games against the following English & European professional clubs:



Opponents from the following nations:



Matches are predominantly played at the training grounds of the professional clubs we play against, and occasionally at the stadium.

By playing in these games, you will showcase your talent in front of up to **30** professional clubs per season.

This method has been hugely successful in our 37 signed players being noticed and then eventually signed.

FOOTBALL PROGRAMME



Matches Against Professional Clubs



For a full photo gallery of all 100+ matches against professional clubs please visit:

www.elitecoaching-academy.net/professional-matches

We have a following of 10,000+ across our social media platforms. Our players are regularly showcased on our platforms which are followed by key decision makers such as Heads of Recruitment and directors of clubs across the country and continent.

FOOTBALL
PROGRAMME



Matches Against Professional Clubs (Testimonials)

“ I only spent 3 months as a student at ECA before I signed my **professional** contract at **Brentford**. I joined ECA in September 2023 as I had never been on any professional trials or experiences. Within 3 months I had played against several clubs and been invited to 3 pro clubs. I am grateful to ECA for providing me with the opportunities and support to sign to a Premier League club.



Babu Ombok. 17,
Brentford FC
(Premier League)

January 2024

” **Thanks** to ECA, I achieved my dreams of signing a **professional contract** at **QPR FC** in the summer of 2021. I travelled with ECA for camps **abroad** and **domestically** with games against several professional clubs such as QPR who eventually signed me. The top-level coaching and intense training programme at ECA helped me to prepare for my trial.

Steven Bala. 20,
QPR FC
(Championship),
Albania U20 International

August 2023



“ I am a **professional** footballer because of ECA and their fantastic coaching programme. I had been a student with ECA for 3 years and played in over 40 games against professional clubs before I was finally given a chance by **Leyton Orient FC**. I represented ECA in 3 games against Leyton Orient before they offered me a contract and I will continue to work hard to have a successful career.”

Emmanuel Harvest. 19,
Leyton Orient FC
(English League 1)

June 2024



Matches Against Professional clubs (2023/24 Season)

MATCHES PLAYED

2023/2024 SEASON



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2023/2024 SEASON



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2023/2024 SEASON



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2023/2024 SEASON



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2023/2024 SEASON



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2023/2024 SEASON



Camps & Tours

Players will stay at top-class accommodation situated at the training site for the week-long camp. Full-board, breakfast, lunch, and dinner will be provided.

Training facilities are also top-class with outdoor pitches, and indoor gym facilities.

Passports and visas for cross border travel will be required for participation in our camps and tours.

There will be a day dedicated to enjoying the city/town and learning about the culture of the country we are touring.

FOOTBALL PROGRAMME



Every season, our players enjoy camps and tours abroad to provide them with opportunities to sign contracts in different parts of the world. Camps are 2 – 7 days long.

Typical 1-week (7-day) camp schedule is as follows:

Day 1: Training **AM** / Training **PM**

Day 2: Training **AM** / Pre-Match Analysis **PM** / Match Vs Professional club **PM**

Day 3: Training **AM** / Post-Match Analysis **PM** / S&C (Gym) **PM**

Day 4: Training **AM** / Pre-Match Analysis **PM** / Match Vs Professional club **PM**

Day 5: Training **AM** / S&C (Gym) **PM**

Day 6: Training **AM** / Pre-Match Analysis **PM** / Match Vs Professional club **PM**

Day 7: Explore city and experience activities/excursions before returning home.

Most recent Camps/Tours:



April 2025



March 2025



November 2024



October 2024



March 2024



March 2023

For a full photo gallery of all previous tours please visit:

www.elitecoaching-academy.net/camps

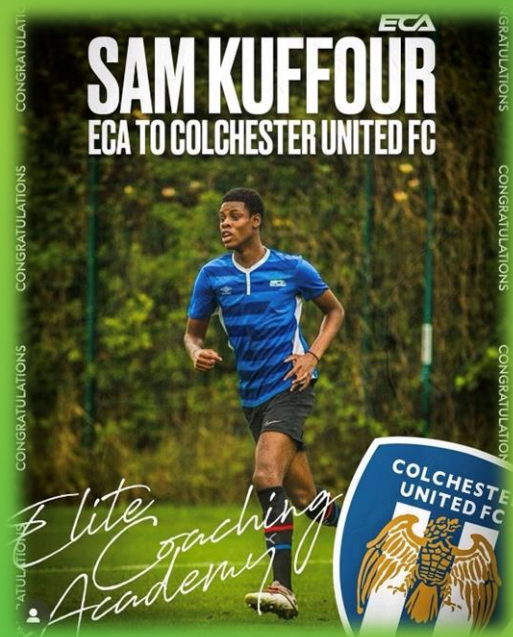
SUCCESS STORIES

40+ players have successfully signed to professional clubs after 100+ trials facilitated across the UK, Europe, Asia, and Africa.

Stats (As of December 2025):



Player	Club	Contract	League	Season
Antoine Sanchez	Barnet	Scholarship	EFL League 2	2025-26
Ozion Hussein	Barnet	Scholarship	EFL League 2	
Samuel Kuffour	Colchester Utd	Professional	EFL League 2	2024-25
Joshua Toluwalaju	Coventry City	Scholarship	Championship	
TJ Bello	Leyton Orient	Scholarship	EFL League 1	
Ethan Binnie	Norwich	Scholarship	Championship	
Jaybrien Romano	Den Bosch	Professional	Eerste Divisie	
Nathaniel Chioma	Portsmouth	Scholarship	Championship	
Chinedu Agu	Portsmouth	Scholarship	Championship	
Michael Ani	Portsmouth	Scholarship	Championship	
Babu Ombok	Brentford	Professional	Premier League	2023-24
Daniel Ischei	Birmingham	Scholarship	Championship	
Harry Clout	Portsmouth	Scholarship	EFL League 1	
Gregory Asemokhai	Brentford	Scholarship	EFL League 1	
Emmanuel Harvest	Leyton Orient	Professional	EFL League 1	
Codey Cosgrave	Brentford	Scholarship	Premier League	2022-23
Samuel Folarin	Portsmouth	Scholarship	EFL League 1	
Ramez Hefzalla	Peterhead FC	Professional	SFL League 1	
Hedwynn Ogbegor	Leyton Orient	Scholarship	EFL League 1	
Kevin Chihen	Shrewsbury	Scholarship	EFL League 2	
Scott BA Simmons	Exeter	Scholarship	EFL League 1	
Vlad Paternoster	Shrewsbury	Scholarship	EFL League 1	
Omar Dacas	Dagenham & Redbridge	Professional	National League	
Samuel Oguntayo	Charlton FC	Professional	EFL League 1	
Gabriel Ajuchi	Aviles FC	Professional	Segunda Federacion	
Ramez Hefzalla	Millwall FC	Scholarship	Championship	
Malik Sesay	Crystal Palace	Schoolboy	Premier League	
Farron Chime	Crystal Palace	Scholarship	Premier League	
Dapo Olugbodi	Crystal Palace	Schoolboy	Premier League	



Gabriel Kamavuako	Portsmouth	Scholarship	EFL League 1	2021-22
Steven Bala	QPR	Professional	Championship	
Emmanuel Kwatchey	Leyton Orient	Scholarship	EFL League 1	
Dapo Olugbodi	Millwall	Scholarship	Championship	
Lorenzo Sampdoria	Leyton Orient	Scholarship	EFL League 1	
Samuel Kuffour	Hapoel Boer Sheva	Professional	Israel Premier League	
Malik Sesay	Bristol Rovers	Scholarship	EFL League 1	
David Mata	C.D Feirense	Professional	Portuguese Ligapro	
Ryan Belboda	Dubai City	Professional	UAE Division 1	2020-21
Jaheim Whyte	Leyton Orient	Scholarship	EFL League 1	
Samuel Oguntayo	Charlton FC	Professional	EFL League 1	
Gabriel Ajuchi	Aviles FC	Professional	Segunda Federacion	
Ramez Hefzalla	Millwall FC	Scholarship	Championship	
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