



Tooting & Mitcham United Scholarship Programme

Full time football & education programme for 16-19 year olds.



Welcome to the Tooting & Mitcham United Academy Scholarship...

It's my ambition and life goal to help, develop, mentor and guide young people to reach their potential. In this setting, we use football as a vehicle to motivate our scholars to achieve on and off the field.

I believe that education, both formally and informally, can open the perspectives of our scholars to seek and discover additional careers or vocations that go beyond playing. With less than 10% of young professional players becoming professional footballers, we must challenge our scholars to seek a fulfilling career path outside of being a football player.



I, along with the staff here at Tooting and Mitcham United, aim to create the right level of challenge, opportunity and support to fulfil each scholar's potential.

We aim to work closely with both parents and guardians in supporting each scholar throughout their time with us.

Trusted support staff include highly experienced teaching staff and coaches as well as external agencies to provide expertise in areas such as mental health and well-being.

As we emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic, we are facing several social and psychological issues, which will have an impact on young people's aspirational aims.

We aim to instil in our scholars the duty of service to the wider community as they try to navigate their next steps in life.

We hope you find the scholarship experience here a key step into the next stage of your career and life.

Ashley Bosah

**First Team Manager &
Director of Football**



Education

10 years experience in delivering football and education, allows Tooting and Mitcham to provide one of the most innovative and progressive programmes available.

The programme has evolved with the changes in education and believe in a holistic approach to learning. We strive to allow each scholar to discover their own way of learning, by listening to the problems they are experiencing with the curriculum and adapting the delivery accordingly.



Scholars receive at least 16 hours contact time a week emphasizing the importance education plays within the programme. Offering Traineeships at entry level allows those who have struggled with institutionalised education to thrive in a more encouraging environment.

The Btec Level 2 in Sport is a one year course offering the equivalent of 3 GCSE's allowing entry to the Level 3 qualification. The Btec Level 3 in Sports Science is a two year course providing 168 UCAS points (the equivalent of 3 A levels) for entry to University.

The above are delivered by qualified teachers in the classroom with the aid of an online platform. Course work must be completed and deadlines met in order to access coaching sessions and matches.

100%
PASS RATE

50%
going to
University

33%
going into
apprenticeship
& traineeships



Success Stories!

The club is incredibly proud of the hard work that our scholars put into their study and the success they have achieved off the back of their time at Tooting & Mitcham United. Our results speak for themselves with over 50% scholars achieving University offers

Every scholar enters a partnership of progression when attending Tooting and Mitcham and realise the importance of academia alongside the football engagement.

Rae Chang Brown " Tooting gave me the confidence and educational framework to succeed"

Football

Headed by the Director of Football, Ashley Bosah, the football delivery is curriculum based and includes fitness, health and well being.

Up to 4 training sessions per week and weekly matches prepares the scholars to be professional sportsmen. A training schedule is developed for each young player which can be adapted as technics are mastered.



On top of the daily classes and football sessions, students will also have analysis sessions to help them reflect and improve. Aswell as 1 to 1 sessions, targeting the Technical, Psychological, Phsyical and Social aspects of their game.

Central to the football approach is the need to prepare the scholars so that they can follow the player pathway laid out at the club. Ensuring that all players improve in all four corners and are ready to be push into the clubs Under 23s programme and ultimatly the clubs First Team.

The FA Youth Cup and Senior County Cup Matches are always very competitive. Having a scholar's program closely linked to the senior team allows for a realistic and progressive development for scholars within the programme, bridged by our U23s development squad.

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Tooting & Mitcham United players have moved into the professional game

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Academy Scholars have made First Team & Under 23s appearances this season



Cups & League...

Our Scholars continue to have great success on the pitch winning all honours including the Tandridge League title, Tandridge League cup, SCL League title and Tactics League title in the 20/21 season.

Having a Scholarship programme attached to a Senior Team allows for faster progression via the Development Team should the opportunity arise.

Player Pathway

The career of each Scholar starts when they arrive at Tooting and Mitcham not at the end.

It is vital all see their time at Tooting & Mitcham United as a foundation to their aspirations rather than somewhere they have to be till they can leave education.

From our Youth Teams many players progress into the Scholarship Programme knowing the ethos of the club and what we stand for. During a scholar's time with us, they develop into young professionals and are supplied with the social and psychological skills to reach their goals.

Many of our Scholars find their way to University, employment or to continue their learning via an apprenticeship.

Our reputation for developing young players attracts a lot of interest from Professional Clubs especially those who we have developed a working relationship with us. We have built up a relationships with industry experts who guide and appropriately advise our notable scholars in regards to the football industry.

Our success speaks for itself and see more of our Scholars play in the professional game for longer than many other simialr programmes. We work hard to educate both parents and players about the football industry, using examples of past players and their experiences.

Tooting & Mitcham United is passionate about helping all of our scholars progress, on and off the field. We always look to encourage the right pathway for each Scholar.



Four Corners

We have adopted the 4 Corner Model, an initiative created and promoted by the FA. The 4 corners are Social, Psychological, Technical and Physical, and forms the foundation for all our football and personal development teaching.

Vital to success is communication and social skills allowing all scholars to enter any environment with confidence. Mental health and well-being especially in the last couple of years has been challenging but without an understanding of how young people see themselves, progression is not possible.

1 to 1 analysis and regular meetings to discuss the scholars ambitions and areas requiring additional assistance is essential to building a programme to meet the individual needs. Changing the direction in what you want to do or how to learn is seen as progressive and positive rather than failure and a negative.

Health, Fitness and Nutrition is constantly monitored to ensure the mind, body and soul are well nourished and in the best possible place for learning. A Physiotherapist is on hand should they be required as well as gym exercises including stretching and breathing technics.



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Visiting Speakers this year!



Visitors & Visits!

An all round education must include the wider world and not just concentrate on football. Many have no idea what is available to them and when samples of different worlds is presented to them via guest speakers and visits it sparks the imagination.

Quiet Storm Advertising attended site along with their Director Trevor Robinson OBE to give an incite into the advertising world, leading to recording and actual advertising opportunities. Trips have been arranged to Ridley Scott's Offices in the West End, the Wimbledon Lawn Tennis Association to discover employment opportunities, Merton Civic Centre's debating chamber and most recently attending the last Mayor's Question Time in City Hall before they moved offices by invitation of London Assembly Member Leonie Cooper.

Other workshops have included Sleep and Anger Management delivered by the South West London Mental Health Team, EPIC gambling workshop, Q & A with Soye Briggs and Sally Lockyer, CEO of the Surrey FA, Professional Footballers explaining their journeys Hady Ghandour (Charlton Athletic) Ethan and Sol Pinnick and employment advice from Merton Council.

Also we have a good relationship with the Police from the Chief Inspector Gabriel Cameron to Community Outreach officers, where Stop and Search is discussed openly along with other issues affecting the young people of today.



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