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A portrait of Laura Humphries, a woman with blonde hair, smiling, wearing a dark green polo shirt. The image is positioned on the left side of the page, partially overlapping the dark red header.

WELCOME FROM OUR HEAD OF EDUCATION AND EMPLOYABILITY

Hello, and welcome to our Football and Education Prospectus. This document will introduce you to all we have to offer on our programme, which provides you with the chance to combine your Post-16 studies with football.

F&E has been a key part of the Bradford City FC Community Foundation for many years. In that time, we have welcomed hundreds of young people through our doors, all of whom have left with not just a set of qualifications that open doors to future employment, but with a better sense of who they are. We take pride in investing in the young people we work with - F&E is our chance to not only support our students into becoming qualified, employable young people, but to shape them into respectful, determined and disciplined members of society.

In my role overseeing the education and employability arm of the programme, I spend a lot of my time in the classroom, where I get to know our students and support them through their workload. It's not all lesson learning - our students are out and about every week, training, travelling to away fixtures, engaging in the unique experiences life at Bradford City offers, all alongside our fantastic team of fully-qualified football coordinators and coaches.

I'd like to congratulate our U19 Men A team, who won their EFLCEFA league last season, and were invited down to Wembley for the trophy presentation. The year before the same team, as well as our U19 Women A team, were also victorious. It fills us with pride that in the last two years, three of our teams have had the opportunity to travel to Wembley as guests of the EFL, to walk on the famous pitch, lift the trophy and enjoy being celebrated in the way they deserve to be.

Footballing excellence is key to what we do and who we are, but the work our students do in the classroom is crucial in setting them up to not only succeed academically, but on the pitch too. Each of our winning teams displayed fantastic attitudes and aptitudes in the classroom as well as on the pitch - that is what it takes to succeed here, and that is the journey we invite you to join us on.

I leave you then to discover what the programme offers - keep an eye out for our open evenings, open training and other events throughout this academic year, all of which are fantastic opportunities for us to get to know you, and for you to get to know us. Don't be shy - reach out, have a chat, and we look forward to getting to know you.

LAURA HUMPHRIES,
HEAD OF EDUCATION AND EMPLOYABILITY, BRADFORD CITY FC COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

ABOUT THE BRADFORD CITY FC COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Bradford City FC Community Foundation is a self-funded charity placed right at the heart of the city. Our mission is to provide a safe, fun and inclusive environment to inspire, educate and enable the citizens of our city to achieve their goals. Our programmes and opportunities are open to everyone, of all ages and backgrounds, whether you are a fan of 50 years, a sport-loving child or someone with no connections to football at all. Whether you are looking to take steps back into employment, improve your health and wellbeing or dream of becoming the next Valley Parade icon, we are here for you at the heart of *our city*.

OUR VISION

Working together to inspire and unite our city.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

To provide a safe, fun and inclusive environment to inspire, educate and enable the citizens of our City to achieve their goals.

OUR VALUES:

Inspiring and empowering
Nurturing understanding and empathy
Safety and trust
Partnership and inclusivity
Impact and influence
Research-based and continuous learning
Evidence-driven decision-making

WHAT WE DO

We deliver over numerous projects, targeting the following areas:

- Health and wellbeing
- Community engagement
- Anti-social behaviour
- Inclusivity, diversity and equality
- School engagement
- Youth empowerment
- Employment opportunities
- Football development



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OUR COURSES



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PEARSON'S BTEC LEVEL 3 DIPLOMA IN SPORTS COACHING AND DEVELOPMENT (2019)

The BTEC Level 3 Diploma in Sports Coaching and Development is a two-year programme suitable for 16–18-year-old male and female players of all playing abilities. It is an ideal qualification for those with an enthusiasm for sport who wish to progress into a sports industry-related career, and those who wish to experience high-quality training and matches whilst continuing with their studies.

- **11 HOURS EDUCATION** PER WEEK
- **3 HOURS MATHS/ENGLISH** IF REQUIRED
- **3 TRAINING SESSIONS** PER WEEK (PLUS GYM AND ANALYSIS)
- **1 HOUR TUTORIAL** PER WEEK
- EDUCATED AT **UNIVERSITY OF BRADFORD STADIUM**
- EQUIVALENT TO **2 A-LEVELS**

Based at the University of Bradford Stadium, students will receive an exceptional education in our fully furnished classrooms and facilities, which provide the learners with a stimulating and professional environment. Alongside their studies, students will be provided with embedded extra-curricular activities to enhance their employability and provide them with a plethora of experiences for their CV. As part of Bradford City FC Community Foundation, we aim to use our resources and existing sporting knowledge to provide students with ample opportunities to further enhance their CV's. This is achieved through a diverse use of assignment methods, career guidance tutorial sessions, mock interviews, and work experience. This is supported through “career days”, in which industry professionals and career guidance councillors provide vital support. This diploma offers natural progression into our higher education programme.

We also have career professionals from within the football industry regularly visiting to share their experiences and offer guidance.



PEARSON'S BTEC LEVEL 3 DIPLOMA IN SPORTS COACHING AND DEVELOPMENT (2019)

Students will receive an hour of tutorial sessions per week to discuss topical issues, focus on CV writing, discuss potential career pathways, apply for UCAS, and much more. These sessions are designed to improve critical thinking, promote a diverse and understanding learning community, and to give all students a voice. We will also facilitate further guidance on support into football scholarships in the USA.

Any students who join the course with us but have not yet achieved a 4 in their English or Maths GCSE will have additional sessions during the week to work towards attaining those qualifications. This includes two pathways, either through Functional Skills or the traditional GCSE route. In preparation for these exams students will receive support and guidance from our fully qualified English and Maths tutors in small groups.

Academic qualification Pearson's BTEC Level 3 Diploma in Sports Coaching and Development (2019)	Units of study • Careers in Sport • Health, Wellbeing and Sport • Developing Coaching Skills • Sports Development • Self-Employment in Sport and Physical Activity • Nutrition for Physical Performance • Applied Coaching Skills
Content • Study a nationally recognised qualification • 11 hours of education per week • 1 hour tutorial per week • 3 hours English/Maths per week if applicable • Assessed through coursework and practical assessment (no examinations) • Education provided by fully qualified and experienced teaching staff • Practical training sessions led by UEFA-qualified coaches • Invaluable work experience and career guidance from industry professionals	Exit routes • Further study onto our in-house Higher Education degree (in partnership with the University of South Wales) • Apprenticeships in the sports industry • Higher education • USA scholarships • Job opportunities and work experience at Bradford City FC Community Foundation • Job opportunities in the sport and leisure industries
Course Date • September - July	Costings • Free to enrol for all students aged 16 – 18 • Course kit (approx.) £150 • Bursary available subject to criteria
Prerequisites to apply • Minimum of four 9-4 grades at GCSE or a BTEC Level 2 qualification in sport at Merit or Distinction level combined with Maths OR English • An interest in regular training and playing football • Commitment to follow high standards and expectations in our professional environment	Equivalent 2 A-Levels at grade C-A*

PEARSON'S BTEC LEVEL 3 EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN SPORTS COACHING AND DEVELOPMENT (2019)

The BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Sports Coaching and Development is a two-year programme suitable for 16–18-year-old male and female players of all playing abilities. It is an ideal qualification for those with an enthusiasm for sport who wish to progress into a sports industry related career, and those who wish to experience high quality training and matches whilst continuing with their studies. It is also a positive step for those who would like to further their education and study at degree level.

- **17 HOURS EDUCATION** PER WEEK
- **3 TRAINING SESSIONS** PER WEEK (PLUS GYM AND ANALYSIS)
- **1 HOUR TUTORIAL** PER WEEK
- EDUCATED AT **UNIVERSITY OF BRADFORD STADIUM**
- EQUIVALENT TO **3 A LEVELS**

Based at the University of Bradford Stadium, students will receive an exceptional education in our fully furnished classrooms and facilities, which provide the learners with a stimulating and professional environment. Alongside their studies, students will be provided with embedded extra-curricular activities to enhance their employability and provide them with a plethora of experiences for their CV. As part of Bradford City FC Community Foundation, we aim to use our resources and existing sporting knowledge to provide students with ample opportunities to further enhance their CV's. This is achieved through a diverse use of assignment methods, career guidance tutorial sessions, mock interviews, and work experience. This is supported through "career days", in which industry professionals and career guidance councillors provide vital support.

We also have career professionals from within the football industry regularly visiting to share their experiences and offer guidance.



PEARSON'S BTEC LEVEL 3 EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN SPORTS COACHING AND DEVELOPMENT (2019)

Students will receive an hour of tutorial sessions per week to discuss topical issues, focus on CV writing, discuss potential career pathways, apply for UCAS, and much more. These sessions are designed to improve critical thinking, promote a diverse and understanding community, and give all students a voice.

Students will develop critical skills in teamwork, leadership, communication to support their progression into employment or higher education. We provide our own in-house higher education Community Football Coaching and Development Foundation Degree (FdSc), in partnership with the University of South Wales. The extended diploma is ideal for those students who are interested in pursuing higher education opportunities, both here at Bradford and beyond.

Academic qualification Pearson's BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Sports Coaching and Development (2019)	Units of study • Careers in Sport • Health, Wellbeing and Sport • Developing Coaching Skills • Sports Development • Self-Employment in Sport and Physical Activity • Nutrition for Physical Performance • Applied Coaching Skills • Fitness Testing • Rules and Regulations and Adminstrating in Sport • Influence of Technology in Sport • Ethical and Current Issues in Sport • Research Project in Sport
Content • Study a nationally recognised qualification • 17 hours of education per week • 1 hour tutorial per week • Assessed through coursework and practical assessment (no examinations) • Education provided by fully qualified and experienced teaching staff • Practical training sessions led by UEFA-qualified coaches • Invaluable work experience and career guidance from industry professionals	Exit routes • Further study onto our in-house Higher Education degree • Apprenticeships in the sports industry • Higher Education and University pathways • USA scholarships • Job and work experience opportunities at Bradford City AFC Community Foundation • Job opportunities in the sport and leisure industry
Course Date • September - July	Costings • Free to enrol for all students aged 16 – 18 • Course kit (approx) £150 - • Bursary available subject to criteria
Prerequisites to apply • Minimum of four 9-5 grades at GCSE or a BTEC Level 2 qualification in sport at Merit or Distinction combined with Maths OR English • An interest to regular training and playing of football • Commitment to follow high standards and expectations in our professional environment	Equivalent 3 A-Levels at grade C-A*

COMMUNITY FOOTBALL COACHING AND DEVELOPMENT - FOUNDATION DEGREE (FDSC)

The Foundation Degree in Community Football Coaching and Development provides the opportunity to gain an industry-recognised qualification, whilst studying at a Football Club Charity, and completing a comprehensive portfolio of work-based learning.

Designed for students based at a professional sports club studying BTEC awards.

Students will gain comprehensive knowledge of how community football and development is organised, delivered and managed, and you will have the opportunity to lead activities and football events. You will examine fundamental principles of coaching as you seek to enhance your practical delivery skills. You will be offered the opportunity to gain nationally recognised coaching awards and to enhance your practical delivery skills.

Career Paths

- Teaching
- Community Sports Coaching
- Professional/Elite Coaching
- Sports Management Roles
- Sports Development Roles

Skills Taught

- Communication
- Problem Solving
- Leadership
- Teamworking
- Analytical Skills

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South Wales**
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De Cymru**



MEET MAX

When I completed the Extended Diploma I didn't initially have plans for a higher education, and initially planned to apply for a scholarship in the USA. However, due to costs and my love for Bradford City I wanted to stay here at HQ, so the Foundation Degree was a happy medium, as it meant I could travel and get that university experience whilst also studying and playing for an extra year with my teammates and the fantastic staff here at Bradford.

I'm having a fantastic time at USW. My first year was pretty smooth sailing. Ahead of my first year we went down to South Wales for a residential to experience university life first-hand and have our own mini fresher's week. We're based just outside of Cardiff, which is a welcoming, friendly and lively city. I've developed friends with people on the course from other FCC Education programmes from across the country, including Cheltenham, Burnley, Swindon, and of course a good set of mates from Cardiff.

I've developed my individual skills, and confidence and responsibility, both personally and in coaching, in getting myself to and from my degree studies, and from the courses I've completed there. I've grown a lot in my time at the university - they're a very welcoming group of teachers, coaches and fellow students. I'd recommend the Foundation Degree to anyone interested in pursuing a career in sport and sport coaching.

Max Paterson,
Foundation Degree (FdSc) Student



The Level 2 Diploma in Sport (Sport, Exercise and Fitness) is a one-year programme suitable for 16–18-year-old male and female players of all playing abilities. It is an ideal qualification for those with an enthusiasm for sport who wish to progress into a sports industry related career, and those who wish to experience high quality training and matches whilst continuing with their studies.

FOUR MODULES, INCLUDING:

- PARTICIPATION IN SPORT
- DEVELOPING SKILLS AND TACTICAL AWARENESS
- SPORTS COACHING AND
- ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY

WITH:

- **UP TO 30 HOURS** OF WORK EXPERIENCE
- **SPECIFIC PLACEMENTS** IN SPORT-RELATED ROLES
- STUDENTS EDUCATED AT **BRADFORD COLLEGE**



This NCFE Level 2 Certificate in Sports Coaching will provide a great introduction to the sport vocation and also the introductory skills to start a career in sport coaching / employment in the sport sector. This qualification can also prepare learners for progression to further and higher education programmes.

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PERFORMANCE AND PATHWAYS

Our football provision offers a fantastic pathway into professional and semi-professional football, at the same time as giving our learners an excellent experience as they train and play with us. We have ability-based and participation football groups and so can accommodate everyone. Whichever team you train and play with, all our games are played against other EFL football clubs' Foundation teams. Our aim is to provide the best experience possible for all our learners from a footballing point of view by mirroring the training, match day and weekly schedules of a professional football team.

Enhance your career prospects with opportunities to gain coaching experience, participate in voluntary activities, and network with industry professionals, preparing you for future success.



EFLCEFA

The EFL Community & Football Alliance incorporates all EFL professional football clubs and is at a very competitive level. Most professional football clubs now heavily support shadow programmes and so whichever league you play in, you will find the facilities and therefore, experience is the same. All our teams play in Bradford City AFC official kit and this is provided by us along with mini-bus travel to away games being provided.

OUR FACILITIES

Training takes place on the 4G training facilities at University of Bradford Sports Park and East Bierley Community Sports Association. We also have gym access to the new facilities at Bradford College - Trinity Green Campus. Analysis sessions take place within our classrooms at the University of Bradford Stadium.

Our games are played at:

- East Bierley Community Sports Association
- Myra Shay
- University of Bradford Sports Park
- Silsden AFC



PLAYER SUPPORT

We provide Analysis Support (VEO & GPS Data) following games and training sessions throughout the season, both individually and collectively. Players also receive quarterly Individual development plans.

SHOWCASING OUR LEARNERS

We are in ongoing contact with BCAFC's Youth Team to ensure they are aware of all students that are making strides and developing as players and people. We also make use of our in-house Community Foundation marketing team, to ensure that players are receiving exposure and furthering their opportunities for career paths within and outside sport. The programme runs in conjunction with League Football Education, an educational provider which was recently awarded Outstanding status by Ofsted. Find out more about LFE at: lfe.org.uk.



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