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TAL X ENT
FOOTBALL ACADEMY

ELITE FOOTBALL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME

Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in
Sports Coaching & Development

Unlocking Potential, Achieving Excellence
16 to 18 Year Olds

ESBG
ELITE SPORTS BUSINESS GROUP



WELCOME TO OUR ELITE FOOTBALL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME

Set out on a Journey of Excellence

The Talent X 16-18 Elite Football Scholarship Programme EFSP, offers a full-time, performance-based academy experience, catering to talented footballers completing year 11 at their secondary school.

This program seamlessly integrates elite football training with education, providing an optimal experience for those aspiring to pursue a career in the football industry.



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MEET KIERAN TURNER

ROLE - FOUNDER & CEO OF ELITE SPORTS BUSINESS GROUP



Introducing Kieran Turner, a seasoned professional specialising in Talent Identification, management, and development. With a decade of experience as a professional football coach. Kieran aspires to cultivate elite talent and offer limitless opportunities. Presently, he is collaborating with the finest national talent, gaining a burgeoning reputation across Europe.

Kieran's career spans the management of diverse football-related enterprises, including football academies, tour consultancy, brands, football events and agencies. He is widely recognised for his talent development skills and the transformative opportunities he has provided to players throughout his career.

Kieran embarked on a BTEC college program that marked the beginning of his journey. Passionate about nurturing the future generation, he is dedicated to exposing and developing individuals in the sporting industry.

Kieran has progressed to his MSc in Sports Directorship at UCFB and has successfully completed multiple UEFA coaching badges and Talent ID courses. His expertise and qualifications, combined with his entrepreneurial mindset, have generated multi-millions in sales across the football industry through his various businesses, establishing him as a leader within the sporting world.



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ESBG is building a full ecosystem within sports, a multi brand group that delivers solutions across education, player development, tournaments, tours, coaching and wider opportunities in sport. Instead of offering one service in isolation, we connect the entire journey.

In simple terms, we develop young people and players, we help clubs grow, travel and compete, and we create real experiences that stay with players long after the final whistle.

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MEET LIAM WALSH

ROLE – ACADEMY MANAGER AT TALENT X FOOTBALL ACADEMY



Introducing Liam Walsh, with over 16 years of experience in transforming the West Herts College football program, is set to spearhead and elevate our Talent X scholarship program.

With his extensive background, Liam is poised to lead us to new heights bringing a wealth of experience within the education sector.

Additionally, his coaching credentials at step 3 level with Walton Casuals and Kings Langley further solidify his expertise in the the performance world of coaching.

Liam possesses various qualifications that equip him to impart his expertise and experience to individuals seeking a career in sports.



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OUR STAFF



HENRY BRAATHEN
Head Of Medical



MATT WYATT
Head of Education



MAT BOTTEN
Head of Goalkeeping



HARRY CHANEY
Head of Recruitment



CAM BROOKS
Head of Performance



LAUREN LEACH
Safeguarding Lead

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

FOOTBALL

Our Elite Football Scholarship is tailored for those between 16 and 18 years old. Participants engage in full-time training akin to professionals, led by our performance coaches.

- College League Matches
- 12-14 Hours Coaching
- Strength & Conditioning Programme

EDUCATION

Getting an education will level up your football game! Students will be studying towards a BTEC Level 3 Qualification. Plus, there's a chance to dive into football coaching studies alongside the main course.

There will also be a chance for other experience opportunities from our partners at **M1 Goalkeeping, Soccer Elite Tours & Tournaments & Media+**.

OPPORTUNITIES

Students will get chances to also take part in weekly competitive fixtures, with the exciting prospect of competing in the prestigious FA Youth Cup.

- FA Youth Cup
- Games against Professional Clubs
- External visits to the sport industry
- Workshops with high performance individuals
- Under 18 Midweek Matches



EDUCATION

Age	Course Type	Course duration	Start date	Fee
School Leavers 16+	Full time	Two years	September 2026	Free (16-18 year olds)

Entry requirements

Level 3 - 5 GCSE's 9 - 4

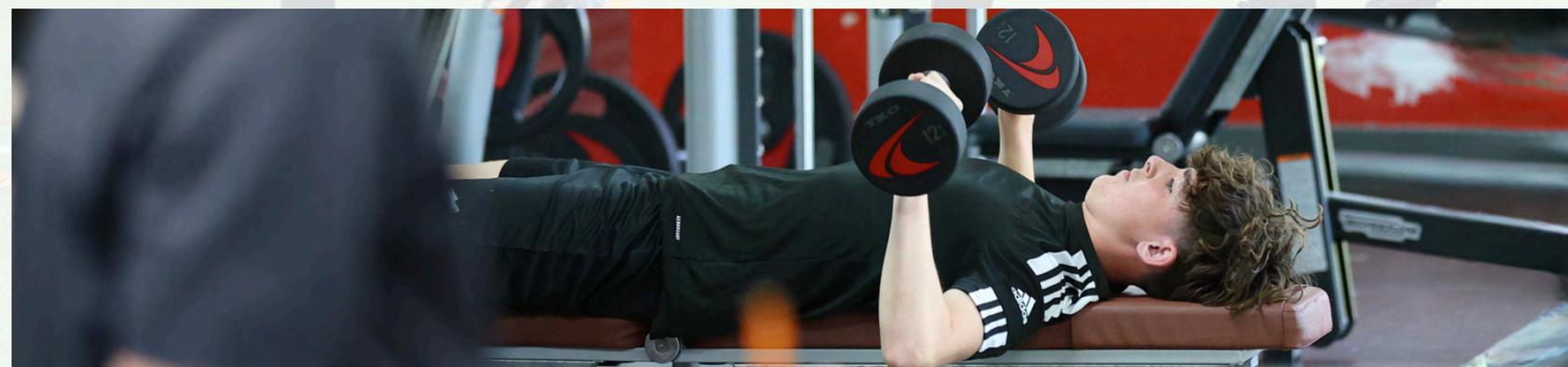
Aged 16-24 and qualified below Level 3, not currently in employment & self-motivated and eager to learn.

Course progression

Access to higher education HNC Level 4 & HND Level 5

Access to further/higher education, Apprenticeships or full time employment

Access to higher education. Progression into semi and professional sport.



Optional units:

- Sports Psychology
- Nutrition for Physical Performance
- Anatomy and Physiology in Sport
- Sporting Injuries
- Functional Sports Massage
- Fitness Testing
- Fitness Training
- Technical and Tactical Skills in Sport
- Rules, Regulations and Officiating in Sport
- Practical Sports Application
- Influence of Technology in Sport and Physical Activity
- Organising Events in Sport and Physical Activities
- Ethical and Current Issues in Sport
- Marketing Communications
- Corporate Social Responsibility In Sport
- Sport and Leisure Facility Operations
- Sports Tourism
- School Sport Delivery

EDUCATION

Throughout the programme, students will have the opportunity to broaden their horizons by actively participating in various workshops, visiting renowned universities, and gaining insights into the sport industry through exclusive visits to professional football clubs. Trips may include Watford Football Club, high performance institutes, sporting brands, Gym & fitness institutions.



UCFB



WORKSHOPS



UNIVERSITY VISITS



QUALIFICATIONS



PROFESSIONAL CLUBS



TIMETABLE

At Talent-X, we understand the importance of a well-structured schedule for both academic and athletic development.

Our timetable is meticulously designed to balance rigorous training sessions, academic commitments, and essential downtime.

This ensures that players can fully immerse themselves in their education and football pursuits, creating an environment conducive to success.

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
9:30AM - 11:30AM GYM	9:00AM - 10:00AM GYM	9:00AM - 11:00AM TUTORIAL	9:00AM - 10:45AM GYM	9:00AM - 10:30AM ENGLISH*
11:45AM - 1:15PM CLASSROOM	10:15AM - 11:15AM TUTORIAL	12:00PM - 3:00PM MATCH	11:00AM - 12:30PM CLASSROOM	11:30AM - 12:30PM MATHS*
1:15PM - 1:45PM LUNCH	12:30PM - 1:00PM LUNCH		12:30PM - 1:30PM CLASSROOM	
1:45PM - 3:45PM CLASSROOM	1:00PM - 3:00PM ASTRO		1:30PM - 2:00PM LUNCH	

*Only for students that need to retake subjects

EXIT ROUTES OVERVIEW

American Scholarships:

Pursue athletic scholarships in the U.S., balancing academics and football through organisations like NCAA or NAIA.

English Universities

Continue education while playing football at English universities, leveraging strong football programs and potential connections to professional clubs.

Semi-Pro / Pro Football:

Transition from amateur to semi-pro and professional levels by showcasing skills in local leagues and catching the attention of scouts.

Industry-Related Work - Coaching PTs / Analysis

Explore coaching opportunities, from youth development to professional teams, or specialize in sports science, analysis, and personal training for football players.

These exit routes offer diverse opportunities for individuals involved in football, whether it be through education, playing at different levels, or contributing to the sport in non-playing roles. Each pathway requires dedication, skill development, and a strategic approach to make the most out of the opportunities available.



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AMERICAN SCHOLARSHIPS

At the conclusion of their last academic year, students can explore American scholarship trials. Leveraging the strong connections held by Talent X, boys are presented with exceptional chances at renowned American universities. A notable example is Darcy Moffat, a Talent X player, who advanced from his Luton Town scholarship to secure a full scholarship at Longwood University.



ENGLISH UNIVERSITIES

Our program boasts strong connections with English universities, offering an excellent platform for our students to seamlessly advance in their academic journey.

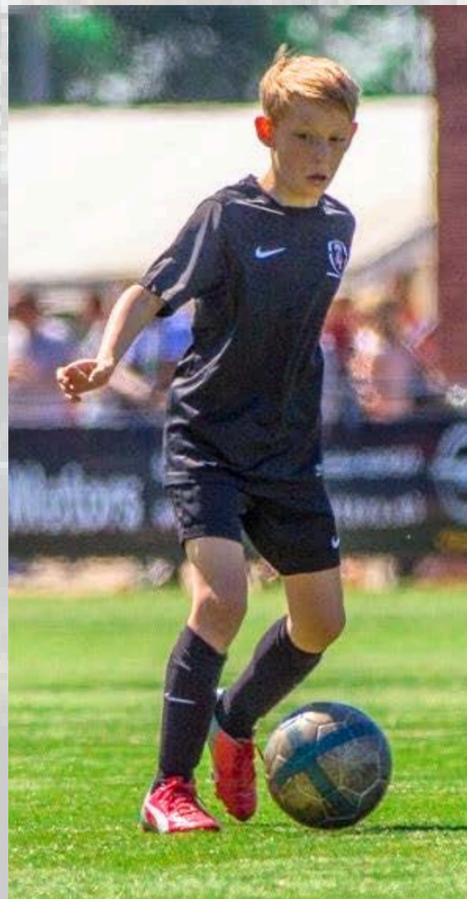
You can earn up to 420 UCAS points which unlock opportunities to enroll in some of the top sporting universities in the country.

University of Hertfordshire **UH**

Loughborough University

UCFB

Our Head of Education, Matt Wyatt, serves as the Men's Coach at the University of Hertfordshire, offering an excellent pathway for our students' advancement. Matt pursued a Sports Coaching degree through the Open University while working full-time at Talent-X. His pivotal role involves bridging the gap between college life and pathways to English and American universities.



George progressed through Talent X's JPL squads and U18 programmes before moving into our university apprenticeship pathway.

He has continued to grow impressively, successfully completing his first year at university and guiding our U9 team to a national title last season whilst completing further coaching courses under the guidance of our academy.



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**SEMI PRO /
PRO FOOTBALL**

Our U18 scholarship program establishes connections with semi-professional clubs, ensuring that boys can play at the appropriate level within the footballing pyramid. Several boys will commence their semi-professional careers while actively participating in our program. This will enable the boys to be challenged in the optimal environment, maximizing their potential.

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SEMI PRO / PRO FOOTBALL

Sam Dreyer, a professional footballer, who has navigated a diverse career spanning non-league and professional football.

Beginning as a pro at Stevenage, Sam gained valuable experience on loan at Hendon and Kings Langley before moving on from the club. He then joined Bedford Town, which led to a professional contract with Peterborough United. After his loan spell at step 2 side Hampton and Richmond, Sam is now at Torquay, continuing to push for progress and success in the National League system.

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SPORTS MANAGEMENT



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PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS

Our elite coaching staff comprises seasoned professionals with a passion for shaping football talent. From technical proficiency to strategic brilliance, our coaches are committed to unlocking the full potential of each player.

State-of-the-Art Facilities

Train in an environment designed to inspire greatness. Our state-of-the-art facilities provide the ideal backdrop for honing skills, fostering creativity, and preparing players for the challenges of collegiate-level soccer. Whether on the field or in our classrooms, every inch of our facilities is geared toward excellence. Each student will also receive an exclusive Talent X Training kit.



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WHERE WE ARE



Address

75 Dunstable Rd, Redbourn, St Albans, AL3 7PP

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FULL-SIZE ASTRO

Our state-of-the-art facilities include a full-size astro turf dedicated to 11-a-side soccer. This professional-grade pitch provides an ideal surface for honing skills, practicing tactics, and simulating real-game scenarios.

The astro turf ensures a consistent and high-quality playing surface, creating an immersive experience that mirrors competitive game conditions.



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HOW TO GET TO US

TRAIN

West Midlands Line

Milton Keynes, Leighton Buzzard, Tring, Berkhamstead, Hemel, Watford, Bushey, Harrow, London

Thames Link Line

Bedford , Luton, Harpenden, St. Albans, Borehamwood, Mill Hill, London

MINI BUS PICKUPS

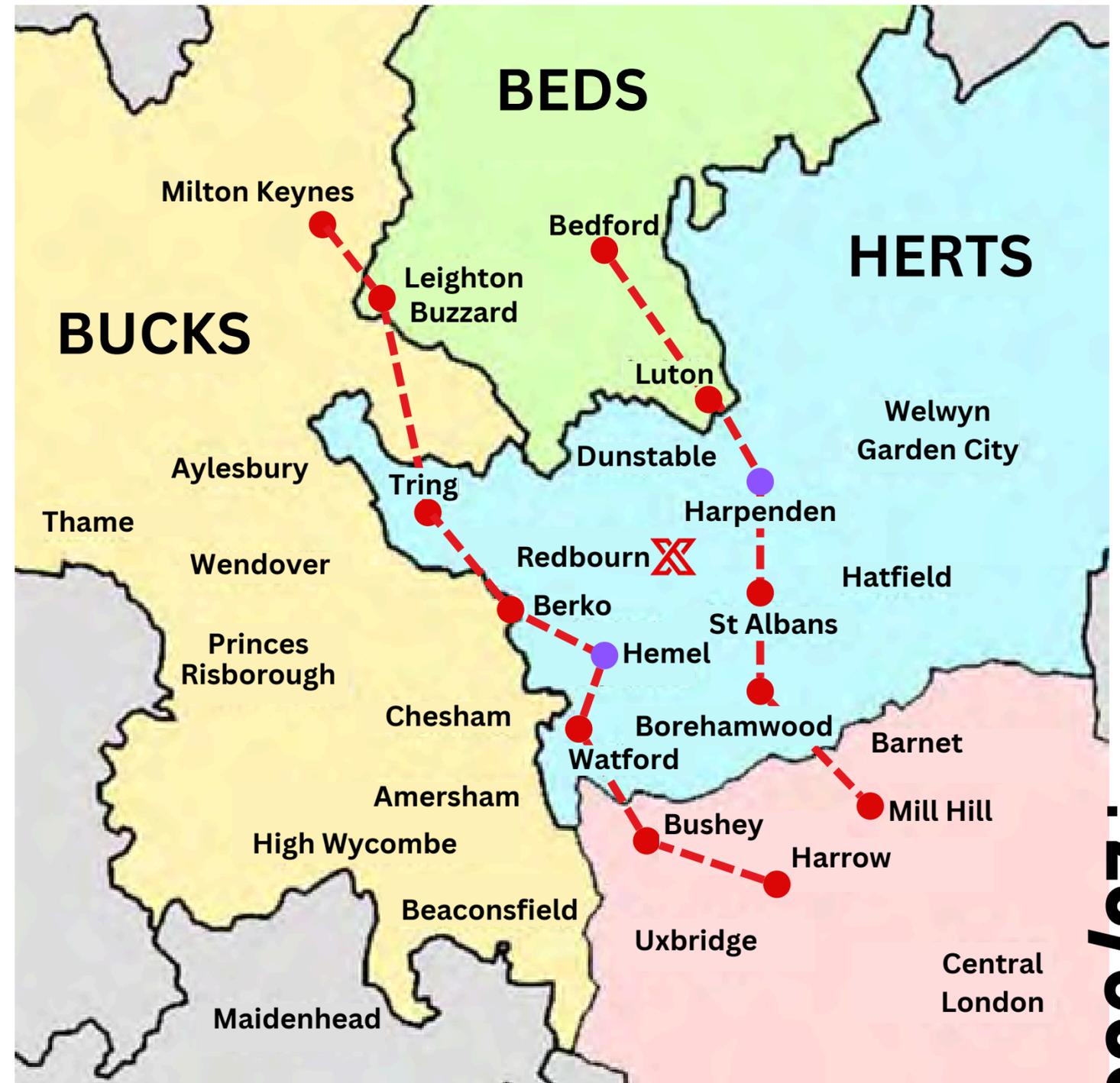
Personalised Travel Plans from £10 per Week - To make getting to and from our football college simple and stress free, we offer a dedicated minibus service with personalised routes. Our three minibuses currently serve Hemel, St Albans, Harpenden, Watford, Dunstable, and Luton, helping students travel safely and reliably each day.

BUS

Redbourn is seamlessly linked to neighboring towns through a diverse range of buses, connecting to various essential destinations. This ensures students have a dependable and convenient transportation choice.

CAR SHARING

Embrace a sense of community and sustainability by car-sharing for students in nearby locations. By choosing to collaborate on rides, students can forge connections while contributing to a more environmentally conscious and economical transportation system.



KEY:

--- Trainline

● Pick Up Point via Mini Bus

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CLASSROOMS

The classrooms our students use create an energetic setting that supports focused learning and collaboration. With a mix of traditional and modern features, each space encourages discussion, problem solving, and active participation. We currently operate two classrooms that the boys rotate between, one at Redbourn Leisure Centre and one at Datalogic House.

Our teachers guide every student with care, helping them grow in confidence, responsibility, and curiosity while building strong habits that support both their education and their football development.



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**FULLY EQUIPPED
GYM**

Physical fitness is at the core of our program. Our fully equipped gym provides players with access to hi tech training equipment, allowing them to develop strength, endurance, and agility.

Under the guidance of our fitness experts, players engage in tailored fitness programs that complement their on-pitch performance, fostering overall athletic development.





Advanced match stats, instantly

Get a full breakdown of the action on the pitch with AI-generated match stats. From passes, shots, and freekicks, to player involvement and possession, everything is captured automatically – so you can focus on coaching – not counting.



Match data on autopilot

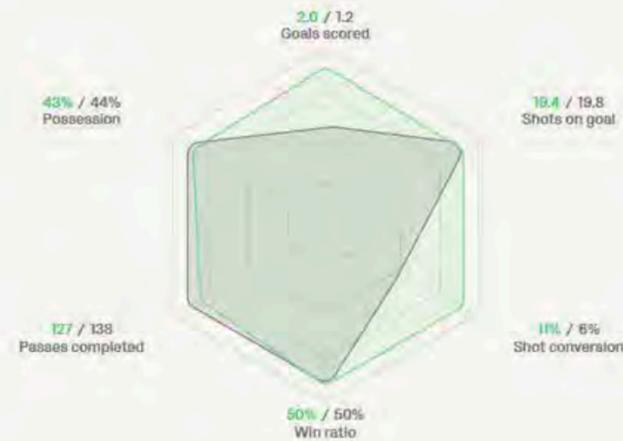


COMPARISON RADIAL

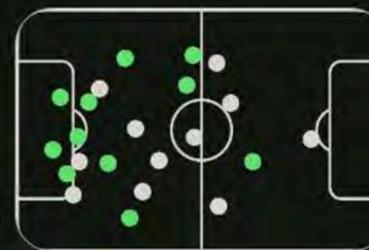
Compare team performances over time

View metrics across different teams in your club or across time periods. The diamond shape helps you spot how teams perform on the parameters you choose.

VFC 1st VFC U21



Advanced features for deeper insights



2D RADAR

See player positions

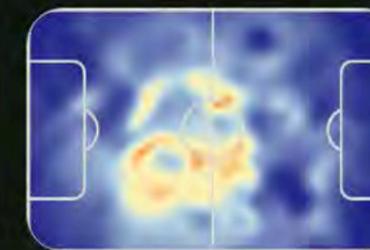
Gain tactical insights into your team's movement, positioning, and runs.



PASS STRINGS

Track the build-up play

Analyse how effectively your team moves the ball around opponents and maintains possession.



HEATMAP

Visualise team movement

Understand your team's positioning over time or in key moments, and spot the overall trends in your play.



MOMENTUM GRAPH

Follow the momentum

Find out which team controls momentum – through player positions and speed.



WORK EXPERIENCE OPPORTUNITIES

We believe it's important to provide students with additional opportunities to go alongside their studies. Thanks to our partnerships with **Talent-X, M1 Goalkeeping, Soccer Elite Tours & Tournaments, and Media+**, students can gain both paid and voluntary work experience.



- Lead Football Coaches
- Assistant Football Coaches
- Scouting



- Lead Goalkeeping Coaches
- Assistant Goalkeeping Coaches



- Referee / Linesman
- Event Management



- Opposition Scouting
- Player Management
- Matchday Reviews



- Social Media Coverage
- Photography
- Videography

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■ ■ ■ U18 PROGRAMME

Talent-X are working in partnership with Chesham Utd & Tring Athletic FC, here are the details of our U18 Programme

■ ■ ■ TRAINING

Both Tring & Chesham squads will train **once a week** which is compulsory for attendance.

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS - 8:00PM - 9:00PM

■ ■ ■ MATCHES

Wednesdays - Chesham

Thursdays - Tring Athletic

Players will be able to play across both squads

■ ■ ■ LEAGUE

Chesham - Southern Counties Mid Week U18s Floodlit League

Tring - Allied Counties Mid Week U18s Floodlit League

■ ■ ■ COMPETITIONS

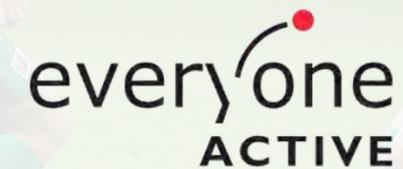
FA Youth Cup, Berks & Bucks County Cup, London Cup, Costa Blanca Cup



OUR PARTNERS



University of Hertfordshire **UH**



PART OF THE DREAM TEAM.

OFFICIAL MEYBA TEAMWEAR PARTNER





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