

# Protective Services

## Football Academy Programme

**Campus:** Dearne Valley College

**Code:** D14SP06

### About This Course

The Momentous Football Academy Programme offers learners a unique opportunity to pursue their passion for football while studying towards a Level 3 NCFE qualification. This dual-focus programme is designed to support both academic and athletic development, enabling students to gain valuable knowledge and skills that open pathways into sport-related careers or further education. Learners will train on Mondays and Tuesdays from 1pm to 3pm under experienced coaches, honing their technical, tactical, and physical performance. Wednesdays are reserved for match days, allowing students to put their training into action through competitive fixtures. This balanced approach ensures learners can thrive both in the classroom and on the pitch.

### What Will I Study?

As part of the Momentous Football Academy Programme, learners will study the NCFE Level 3 Diploma in Sport, a nationally recognised qualification designed to provide a strong foundation in the sports industry. The course covers a range of engaging and practical units tailored to aspiring athletes and sports professionals. Key topics include Anatomy and Physiology, where students explore how the body functions during exercise; Fitness Training and Programming, which equips them with the knowledge to design effective training plans; and Sports Coaching, offering insight into planning and delivering coaching sessions. Learners will also study Psychology for Sports Performance, Practical Team Sports, and Nutrition, helping them understand the mental, physical, and dietary needs of athletes. The course is assessed through a mix of practical assignments, written work, and observations, providing a hands-on, real-world learning experience that complements their on-pitch training schedule.

### Why Study Here?

Studying at Dearne Valley College offers learners a vibrant and supportive environment where they can truly thrive both academically and athletically. The college boasts modern facilities, including

access to high-quality sports pitches, gym equipment, and dedicated learning spaces, providing the perfect setting for aspiring footballers. With experienced tutors and coaches who are passionate about sport and student success, learners benefit from personalised support and expert guidance throughout their journey. The partnership with the Momentous Football Academy adds a professional edge to the programme, combining elite football training with a nationally recognised qualification. Located in the heart of South Yorkshire, Dearne Valley College is also well-connected and easily accessible. Whether learners are aiming for a career in sport, further education, or professional football, studying here gives them the skills, experience, and confidence to chase their goals.

## Entry Requirements

Discussed at interview

## How To Apply

You can apply using our online application form and clicking the Apply Now button at the top of this page. For more information support with your enquiry or application please contact Student Services by emailing [learn@dearne-coll.ac.uk](mailto:learn@dearne-coll.ac.uk) or by calling 01709 513355.

## What Courses Can I Progress Onto?

Level 3 Extended Diploma

## Tuition Fees

16-18 year olds do not need to pay course fees

Those aged 19 or over may not need to pay fees depending on their circumstances. Find out if you qualify for help with fees

If you need further advice or guidance please contact the Enquiries Team on 01709 513355.

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