The Course
This exciting two year course will teach students the key elements of community sports coaching and sports development, with a particular focus on football.

Students will receive the necessary knowledge and skills to progress into employment in a variety of sports related careers. Combining education with the opportunity to gain coaching experience, within the community department of a professional football club is invaluable. It will give students a unique platform to progress into employment within the sport and leisure sector.

Practical Delivery
Students will experience practical coaching and work experience delivered by FA / UEFA qualified Arsenal in the Community football coaches. There will be opportunities to gain an insight into a wide range of Arsenal in the Community projects including school sports, soccer schools, social inclusion and football development.

Enrichment
In addition to the BTEC Level 3 Qualification, depending on suitability, students will be offered a range of opportunities from the following:
- FA Level 1 in Football Coaching
- FA Level 2 in Football Coaching
- FA Youth Module 1
- FA Safeguarding Children
- FA Emergency First Aid
- Employability Courses
- Education visits & Guest Speakers
- A variety of workshops

There will be an introduction to multi skills and other sports.

On average 6 hours per week will be devoted to work experience, practical coaching/coach education and enrichment. We see the additionality of Arsenal’s enrichment programme as a unique and valuable element of the course.

Assessment Methods
On-going assessment will be through assignments, presentations and practical activities.

Achievements/Qualifications
Successful students will achieve a Level 3 BTEC Extended Diploma in Sports, Development, Coaching and Fitness and/or the direct equivalent of 3 ‘A’ Levels.

Progression Routes

**EMPLOYMENT**
Students who reach the required standard will have:
- An opportunity for an interview with Arsenal Soccer Schools (see www.playthearsenalway.co.uk)
- The opportunity to enrol on Arsenal in the Community’s GAP Programme (see www.arsenal.com/community)
- Alternatively, they can seek job opportunities in the expanding sector of community sport.

Suitable students can also apply for work experience opportunities with other organisations.

**ACADEMIC**
Level 3 BTEC Extended Diplomas are valued by employers and higher education (Universities and Colleges). If students decide to go to university or college they could take a degree or Higher National Diploma in subjects such as:
- Sports Therapy
- Data Analysis
- Sports Management
- Teacher Training
- Sports Coaching
- Physiotherapy
- Journalism
- Event Management
- Further or Higher Education programmes at College of North West London

Successful completion of the programme would also allow students to apply for the two year foundation degree ‘Physical Education and Football Coaching with Arsenal in the Community.”

**Duration**
2 years, Full-time

**Awarding Body**
Pearson

**Entry Requirements**
Applicants should have at least 4 GCSEs at Grade C or above, or other relevant qualifications. Preference will be given to applicants that have GCSE Grade C or above in English and Maths.

In circumstances where there are more applications for this course than there are places available; Arsenal in the Community reserves the right to ask for higher grades. If you are accepted onto this course without a Grade C or above in Maths and/or English students will be required to complete the relevant essential skills qualification. This will be a compulsory part of their timetable.