



PFA Membership



The Professional Footballers Association is the world's oldest professional sports union with over 4000 current members and 50,000 former members worldwide. Member services include, Education & Training, Coaching, Commercial, Contract advice and negotiation, Hardship grants, Legal advice, Medical Insurance, Financial Management & Pensions.

Member services are available for life so make sure you have joined your trade union to take full advantage of all The PFA can offer you. Remember once a member always a member so you can take advantage of their numerous services even after you've left the professional game.

For more information on what The PFA can do for you or to join please call **0161 236 0575**. For more information on The PFA please visit www.givemefootball.com

Signing Professional

If you are offered a professional contract by your Football Club and wish to obtain any advice about the terms and conditions of this contract please remember to contact The PFA. As a member of the PFA you will be entitled to free advice from the PFA who are able to provide hands-on representation in contract negotiations, give free financial advice and offer a number of other free services that could benefit you.

Student Services and Advice

Remember that as an Apprentice footballer you are entitled to access the Student Support Services and Advice Centres at the College/Education Provider where you study your BTEC qualification/A-Levels. The student support services on offer are usually wide ranging and are designed to support students during every stage of their course.

Be aware of your entitlement, listen carefully to opportunities your group tutor will bring to your attention and take notice of weekly bulletins and student notice boards.

Typical areas that Student Services and Advice Centres cover include:

- Accommodation
- Benefits Advice
- Careers Advice
- Counselling
- College Chaplains
- Course Guidance
- Drugs Counselling
- Financial Advice
- Student Loans for H.E.
- Learner Support Funding
- Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA)
- HE Advice and Help
- Learning Support Tutors
- The Student Union
- Childcare

The National Union of Students (NUS)

As a registered student of the College you attend to study your BTEC/A-Levels you will be entitled to apply for an NUS Extra Card which will entitle you to a range of exclusive discounts and offers.



Companies that currently offer NUS Extra discounts include Cecil Gee, JJB Sports, Halfords, Play.com, Odeon Cinema's, Pizza Hut and Top Shop.

Higher Education Applications



A Guide to Higher Education Applications will be available from October to all players who are interested in applying for a Higher Education course starting in September 2011.

The guide will offer an insight into what factors to consider when applying for a Higher Education course, a full guide to the application process including Clearing and information regarding student finance and support.

A copy of the booklet will be downloadable from www.lfe.org.uk/downloads/apprentice-brochures

A Guide to American Scholarships



Thinking of heading to the USA on a soccer scholarship? First consult League Football Education's, Guide to American Scholarships which offers practical and independent advice to young players who are considering taking up a sports scholarship in the United States.

It offers an insight into what factors to consider when considering if this is the right option for you as well as covering areas such as Eligibility, Entrance Requirements, SAT's and how to get a 'Soccer Scholarship' journey.

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Website

Remember to access www.lfe.org.uk for all news relating to your Apprenticeship. The website regularly features:

- Youth Alliance and Academy Fixtures, Results & League Tables
- Apprentice & Football News
- Club News
- Online Polls & Prize Draws
- Apprentice Blogs
- Progression

