

THE BW PASE

ACADEMY



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ABOUT

THE BW PASE ACADEMY



The BW PASE Academy is a sports and education programme in partnership between Vanarama National League side Boreham Wood FC and our education partners Barnet & Southgate College.

The Academy was a pioneer in sports and education when it started back in 2002 and has **since become the number one sports and education programme in the United Kingdom.**

At its inception the BW PASE Academy had just 16 players and limited facilities, but its vision was clear, **to create an environment for 16-19-year-olds to progress within both sports and education surrounded by first class facilities and resources. We wanted to stop talented young footballers from falling through the net and give them a chance to progress their talent with top quality coaching.**

With the BW PASE Academy, our players receive top level coaching from our highly qualified coaches, who not only hold a minimum of a UEFA B license level coaching qualification but are also fully first aid and safeguarding trained and checked. On top of this, the Academy also employs a full-time team of physio therapists who specialise in the injury prevention and rehabilitation of our players, as well as advise on strength and conditioning programmes and balanced and healthy nutrition for young athletes.

Our first-class facilities make all our coaching and educational programmes possible, which have been heavily invested in over the past two decades, making them the best available within the sports and education space. These facilities include a 4,000 plus capacity Stadium,

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a DESSO pitch within our facility, 5th generation astro turf pitch and fully equipped and functional gymnasium, as well as education suites fully equipped with the latest computer software and educational technologies.

Our training philosophy is designed to improve our players in all aspects of the game, educating BW PASE Academy players both technically and tactically. We believe that our programme gives our players the best platform to improve their game across all aspects, better than any other sports and education programme of our kind.

Why? **Because our track record tells us we do. In the last decade we have won more National Youth titles, produced more England Schools and Colleges internationals and progressed more players in the professional and semi-professional game.** To put these statements into perspective, to date the Academy has won **EIGHT** National titles, as well as reaching the final on a number of occasions, competitions that fall only second to the FA Youth Cup in terms of prestige at youth level.

In addition, we have now put over 250 players into the semi-professional game, whilst also developing **ELEVEN** players to earn professional contracts and play within the Football League. The ultimate dream of every player who joins the BW PASE Academy, showing that with the right attitude, discipline and desire, we can make your dreams a reality. Namely **Lee Hodson, Matthew Whichelow, Corey Whitely, Kyle Vassell, Inih Effiong, Pelly Ruddock, Simeon Akinola, Calaum Jahraldo-Martin, Ben Goodliffe, Iliman N'Diaye and Sorba Thomas,** have played for the likes of **Glasgow Rangers, West Ham United, Watford, Wolves, Sheffield United, Hull City, Peterborough United, Rotherham United, MK Dons** and many more established professional teams.

Lastly, we have helped **TWENTY SEVEN** young players achieve the highest accolade of all, representing their countries and playing on the international stage. Of these 27 players, **THREE** have in fact made full international appearances, namely **Lee Hodson (Northern Ireland), Kyle Vassell (Northern Ireland) and Calaum Jahraldo-Martin (Antigua and Barbuda),** representing their countries in the European Championship Finals, and World Cup and Euros qualifiers, as well as international friendlies.

Although we highlight these accolades, we are proudest of the work we do every day with all the BW PASE Academy players, giving them the opportunities to enter further education at University level, whether that be in the UK or on 'soccer' scholarships in the United States of America, as well as helping them develop the functional skills to directly enter the work place.

The facts are that unfortunately only a very small percentage actually 'make it' within the professional game, and as such with the BW PASE Academy we stress the importance that our players must take their education very seriously, as the likelihood is education is what will be most beneficial to our players and gives them a platform and opportunities later in life, beyond their time with the Academy.

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PUMA

THE BW PASE ACADEMY X PUMA



In 2019, Boreham Wood FC made their first steps into commercial teamwear partnerships when we teamed up with German sportswear giants PUMA to become the Club's official teamwear partner on a 2-year deal.

As a result of this agreement, the BW PASE Academy players, coaches and teachers are kitted out with PUMA training and travel wear, with all items branded with both Boreham Wood FC and PUMA logos.

Both existing and incoming BW PASE Academy students will be excited to find out that for the 2020/21 season, the Academy has decided that the training and travel kit set by PUMA will remain the same. **HOWEVER, WE HAVE DECIDED FOR THE 2020/21 SEASON WE WILL MAKE OUR KIT COMPLETELY FREE OF CHARGE FOR ALL BW PASE ACADEMY PLAYERS** (if educated onsite at BWFC, terms & conditions apply.) This would typically cost £175.00 per player, but for the 2020/21 season will be completely FREE!!!

As the season progresses, as part of the agreement, PUMA will send their boot van which is fully stocked with all the latest PUMA boots in an array of colour ways and sizes for the Academy players to try out during training sessions. In addition, the players will be given exclusive discounts when the boot van is on site, so they can get any new PUMA boots of their choice at a discounted price.

Lastly, as part of our Academy Player of the Month award, in partnership with PUMA, our chosen player will get a PUMA 'goody bag' with selected PUMA items such as undershirt, undershorts, gloves, snoods, water bottles etc.

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FOR 2020/21 BW PASE ACADEMY
PLAYERS CAN RECEIVE OUR PUMA TRAINING
KIT **COMPLETELY FREE OF CHARGE!**

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TRAINING JUMPER, T-SHIRT, SHORT & SOCKS
TRAVEL 1/4 ZIP JUMPER, TROUSERS & KIT BAG
ALL ITEMS BRANDED WITH BOTH BOREHAM WOOD FC & PUMA LOGOS

WORTH £175.00
NEXT SEASON FREE!

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THE PLAYER PATHWAY

FROM MEADOW PARK TO WEMBLEY STADIUM...

What is unique about the BW PASE Academy, is not only that we have a direct pathway into men's first team football at National League level, unlike many of the programmes of our kind that have no true affiliation to a senior Football Club, but we also have a track record of over 20 years of providing alternative exit routes for our players.

Whether that be to go onto University both in the UK and the USA on 'soccer' scholarships, as well as to enter either professional and semi-professional football, or even to go directly into the work place using the knowledge and skills gathered whilst on the programme studying your chosen education course.

Our player pathway is simple and involves 5 tiers. Some players may only ever stay at one tier, others may progress through all tiers, whilst others may skip levels out completely during their progression.

CATEGORY 2 AND 3

We start with our category 2 and 3 groups who play in the National League Youth Alliance, as well as the AoC Sport Leagues, which are operated by the English College's Football Association. These leagues provide frequent competitive football for our players to develop in a professional landscape alongside likeminded players and coaches.

UNDER 18S

The next level in our player pathway is our Under 18's group. This team is entered into the Southern Counties Floodlit Youth League and plays on midweek evenings within non-league football stadiums across the home counties. This is a very competitive level, of which we target both the league and cup titles every year. This group will also get the opportunity to play in the prestigious FA Youth Cup, and if drawn at home, these games are played within our Meadow Park Stadium and on those occasions the players are treated identically to the first team in every aspect.

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UNDER 19S NATIONAL LEAGUE FOOTBALL ACADEMY

The progression from our Under 18's group is into our Under 19's National League Football Academy group. The National League Football Academy is a newly formed accreditation given to only the best Academies of our kind that satisfy a demanding criteria in terms of facilities and coaching staff. We are one of just 22 Academies across the whole country who met the grading criteria and play within the southern section made up of 12 teams. In addition to this league, our Under 19's will also represent the Club in the National Cups, including both the National League Youth Alliance and English College's FA National Cups, which we target year-on-year.

BOREHAM WOOD FC FIRST TEAM

With our Head of Football Luke Garrard being the First Team Manager and Academy Manager Cameron Mawer being the First Team Coach, our Academy set up provides great synergy and a clear pathway from the Academy into the First Team. In addition, we also have a number of First Team players who couple their player duties with coaching roles within the Academy, namely Danny Woodards, Ricky Shakes, Tom Champion, David Stephens, Femi Ilesanmi, Jamal Fyfield, Kane Smith and Sorba Thomas. These players serve as examples to our Academy players of what it takes to become professional footballers and are on hand to give BW PASE Academy support and advice whenever needed.

The next progression following the Under 19's group is our First Team here at Boreham Wood FC. Of all the progressions along our 'player pathway' this is probably the hardest to accomplish and in truth should be broken down into the smaller, more achievable milestones, as becoming a complete player at National League level overnight is a difficult task to say the least.

We recommend players target milestones such as, inclusion in First Team training, earn your squad number, make the bench, make an appearance in the Herts Senior Cup, and so on, before making your full First Team debut at National League level.

OTHER EXIT ROUTES

As alluded to earlier in this section, once your time within the BW PASE Academy has come to an end, there are a number of exit routes available to our players, of which we will assist in every and any way possible.

These exit routes include University, both in the United Kingdom and abroad, most frequently on 'soccer' scholarships across the United States of America. In addition, players also progress into both professional and semi-professional football, as well as entering the work place directly utilising the qualifications you earned whilst completing your compulsory education whilst with the BW PASE Academy.

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PASE PROS

FROM GRASSROOTS FOOTBALL TO THE PROFESSIONAL GAME

LEE HODSON

'Hoddo' started his time within the youth set up here at Meadow Park in 1999 before the BW PASE Academy had started, but played within our then renowned youth set called Boreham Wood 2000. However, he played in a very strong team and in 2004 he was amongst a number of players who were 'cherry picked' by Football League Academies and he joined Watford FC as a youth team player.

Hodson would go onto enjoy nine years at Vicarage Road as a youth team and later first team player, making 83 appearances for the Hornets, scoring one goal. Since then Lee has gone onto make over 200 professional appearances with the likes of Brentford, MK Dons, Glasgow Rangers, Kilmarnock, St. Mirren, and most recently Gillingham.

In addition to his club career, Lee also represents Northern Ireland on the international stage (famously assigned to man mark one of the world's greatest ever players Cristiano Ronaldo when Northern Ireland played Portugal.) In 2016, Lee was part of the Northern Ireland squad that reached the knockout stages of the European Championships, losing to eventual semi-finalists Wales in their last 16 tie.

MATT WHICHELOW

Matty was a part of the same youth group at Boreham Wood 2000 as Lee Hodson, both joining the Watford FC Academy in 2004.

Whichelow went onto enjoy six years at Vicarage Road as a youth team and later first team player, making 21 first team appearances for the Hornets, scoring three goals.

Unfortunately, loan spells with Exeter City, Wycombe Wanderers and Accrington Stanley couldn't secure him a permanent deal to remain in the Football League, but this was much to the advantage of Boreham Wood, as Whichelow returned to Meadow Park after a nine-year absence.

Matty would go onto make 76 appearances for the Wood in the Conference South and National League, helping the Wood achieve promotion from the Conference South in 2014/15, as a mainstay in the Wood starting XI. During his time at Meadow Park, Matty would score 13 times for the club.

COREY WHITELY

Corey started his time with the BW PASE Academy back in 2007, when the Academy was at its early beginnings. In truth the club, the Academy and its facilities were unrecognisable to what they are like now.

Corey was a bright spark within the Academy but found it difficult to break through into the first team on a consistent basis, leaving Meadow Park with three first team appearances to his name.

At that point, Corey entered the 'non-league circuit', with spells at Waltham Forest and Cheshunt, before joining Enfield Town in the Ryman Premier Division, where he really made a name for himself. During his time at the Queen Elizabeth Stadium, Corey made 120 appearances for Enfield Town, scoring on 46 occasions.

This led to Corey's big move to Dagenham & Redbridge, where he made 66 appearances, scoring 23 times, before National League big spenders Ebbsfleet United came calling, making 59 appearances, scoring 11 goals. During his spells with the Daggers and Ebbsfleet, Corey would make the National League play-offs on two occasions, which led to 2018/19 League Two play-off finalists Newport County vying and later securing his signature in the summer of 2019.

KYLE VASSELL

Kyle is another player from the Boreham Wood 2000 era, developing his game with us here at Meadow Park over a 4-year period before signing with Norwich City as a youth team player and later Brentford on a scholarship terms.

During his time at Griffin Park, Kyle found it difficult to break into the first team set up, and eventually had to fall out of the Football League to get his chance at first team level. After 3-year period with a host of non-league semi-professional sides, Kyle signed with Bishop's Cleeve of the Conference South, and this is where he really made a name for himself as a dynamic and powerful goalscorer.

After a scintillating cup run to the FA Cup First Round Proper against Northampton Town, scoring 16 goals in 16 games prior to that game, League One Peterborough United came calling and Kyle signed two-and-a-half-year deal at the London Road Stadium. Kyle would go onto make 28 appearances for Peterborough before joining Blackpool in 2016.

It was at Blackpool where Kyle made his mark within the Football League, and over a two-year period with the club Kyle made 63 appearances for the Tangerines, scoring 22 times. During this time Kyle played a pivotal role in winning the League Two play-offs.

It was his time at Bloomfield Road that had Championship sides vying for his signature and in 2018, Kyle signed for newly promoted Rotherham United of the Championship.

In addition to his club career, Kyle also represents Northern Ireland on the international stage, making his debut against Austria in the UEFA Nations League in October 2018.

INIH EFFIONG

Powerful striker Effiong joined the BW PASE Academy in 2009 from neighbouring St. Albans City, and was immediately included in the first team set up here at Meadow Park.

Inih would experience two spells with the club. Originally as an Academy player and on the fringes of the first team whilst in the Ryman Premier Division, Inih would return to Meadow Park in 2011 in the Conference South, spending two seasons with the Wood making 33 appearances.

Inih has now made well over 400 professional and semi-professional appearances, enjoying spells in the

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Scottish Premiership with Ross County, as well as the National League with Barrow, Woking and most recently Dover Athletic.

PELLEY RUDDOCK-MPANZU

Pelly joined the BW PASE Academy in 2009 having previously only played Sunday League football, but his physical and technical abilities were apparent for every Academy coach to see.

At the end of his first year, Pelly had established himself as a pivotal player within the Academy as a powerful box-to-box midfielder which earned him the opportunity to train with the first team. Pelly grasped this opportunity with both hands, and by the time the following season had started Pelly was included in the starting XI, making his debut for the club against Havant & Waterlooville in the Conference South on the opening day of the 2011/12 season.

It was this run in the first team at the tender age of 17-years-old which made Premier League and Academy giants West Ham United come calling, and Pelly signed a two-a-half-year contract with the Hammers.

Pelly would only make a single appearance for the Hammers in a 2-0 away win against Burnley in the League Cup. Then Hammers Manager Sam Allardyce commented, "This was their big chance. Three players, all defenders, Pelly Ruddock, Dan Potts and Leo Chambers, can feel very proud of themselves, what they've done."

Despite this remark, Pelly would join Luton Town the following season on a permanent basis in 2014. Pelly quickly became a cult hero at Kenilworth Road for his endless endeavour and energy, as well as some sublime goals from time-to-time. Pelly has now made over 200 appearances for the Hatters, helping them to earn three promotions during that period from the Conference Premier in 2013/14, EFL League Two in 2017/18 and League One in 2018/19, making him the most decorated BW PASE Academy professional we have produced.

SIMEON AKINOLA

Simeon joined the BW PASE Academy in 2009 and quickly made a name for himself within the Academy set up scoring 53 goals in his first season as an Academy player.

Simeon would spend a further two seasons here at Meadow Park but couldn't nail down a regular starting place, making 21 appearances for the Wood and scoring twice during this time.

After brief spells with Billericay Town and Harrow Borough, Simeon would join Conference Premier side Braintree Town under Danny Cowley. This is where Simeon would make a name for himself and enter the radar of many Football League sides. During his time at Cressing Road, Simeon would make 104 appearances scoring 19 goals.

However, Braintree couldn't keep hold of their prized possession and Simeon joined Football League side Barnet for a reported £40,000 transfer fee on 1st January 2017, making his debut just days later against Plymouth Argyle.

CALAUM JAHRALDO-MARTIN

Calaum spent just a single season with us here at the BW PASE Academy, but it was a hugely

influential one for him, as it would set him on his way to become a professional with Premier League outfit Hull City.

Unfortunately, during a 3-year period with the Tigers, despite huge promise, Martin would only make a single first team appearance, against Middlesbrough in The FA Cup.

Martin has since played for Tranmere Rovers, Alloa Athletic, Leyton Orient, Oldham Athletic and Newport County.

In addition to his club career, Calaum also represented Antigua and Barbuda on the international stage, competing in the Caribbean Cup, CONCACAF Nations League and World Cup qualifiers.

BEN GOODLIFFE

Ben joined the BW PASE Academy in 2017 and quickly became a highly regarded player within the Academy amongst staff and players alike. After earning his first start for the first team away to Tranmere Rovers in the National League, as well as captaining the English College's FA, Championship side Wolves came calling.

Ben signed a two-and-a-half-year deal at Molineux, enjoying a successful loan spell with Dagenham & Redbridge, before signing permanently with Sutton United of the National League in the summer of 2019.

ILIMAN NDIAYE

Iliman joined the BW PASE Academy in 2016 and earned a first team contract with the club in November 2017.

Iliman was a pivotal player in our Academy winning five National titles between 2017 and 2019, and his performances resulted in lots of attention from professional academies, including trials with Bristol City, Chelsea and Sheffield United.

Ultimately, Sheffield United would win the race for his signature, signing a professional contract at Bramall Lane in August 2019.

SORBA THOMAS

Sorba is the latest BW PASE Academy player to graduate to our first team here at Meadow Park.

During his time with the Academy, Sorba was the figurehead of our attacking line, which helped the Academy win five National titles between 2017 and 2019.

During the 2017/18 season, where Wood reached the National League promotion final at Wembley Stadium, losing out to Tranmere Rovers for a place in the Football League, Sorba came on in an attempt to salvage an equaliser, fulfilling every boys dream of playing under the arch at the iconic Wembley Stadium.

The 2018/19 season was somewhat of a breakthrough season for Sorba within the first team set up, making 32 appearances in the National League.

In August 2019, Sorba put pen to paper on a new three-year contract here at Meadow Park.

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INTERNATIONALS

ACADEMY PLAYERS WHO HAVE PLAYED INTERNATIONALLY...

FULL INTERNATIONALS

LEE HODSON - NORTHERN IRELAND

KYLE VASELL - NORTHERN IRELAND

CALAUM JAHRALDO-MARTIN - ANTIGUA & BARBUDA

YOUTH INTERNATIONALS (ENGLAND SCHOOL'S & COLLEGE'S FA)

ELVIS BALIC

JON CLEMENTS

BRADLEY FRASER

JAY BRETT

JORDAN LAWAL

LEE CLOSE

CHARLIE HUNTER

RUDDOCK YALA

SAM DOOLAN

JAKE KNIGHT

MAXWELL HOLLAND

HARRY SINGH

JAMIE LUMSDEN

BEN GOODLIFFE

FRED BURBIDGE

SORBA THOMAS

ALEX MORGAN

ILIMAN N'DIAYE

CHEYCE GRANT

ARCHIE PEPPER

DANIEL CREESE

CHARLIE WICKHAM

HAMZA SEMAKULA

LUKE BROPHY

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FAQS

HOW LONG IS THE COURSE?

The courses last from one to three years, dependent on your age, chosen course and GCSE grades.

WHO IS THE BW PASE ACADEMY FOR?

The BW PASE Academy is for boys who are between 16-18-years old, that want to further their knowledge, understanding and ability in football, whilst at the same time continue their education.

WHAT QUALIFICATIONS DO I GAIN?

The BW PASE Academy, in partnership with our education partners Barnet & Southgate College, provides you with the opportunity to gain a variety of BTEC Sport qualifications, as well as CYQ Personal Trainer qualifications, gain a qualification in multi-trade construction, as well as study a variety of A-Levels.

WHERE DO I STUDY?

Your education provider will be Barnet & Southgate College. You may study at one of three sites; Wood Street, Colindale, or onsite at Boreham Wood FC, dependent on your chosen course.

WHERE DO I TRAIN?

You will train on our 5th generation astro turf onsite at Boreham Wood FC. Some sessions and matches will also take place on our grass pitch sites at Old Elizabethans in Barnet and Rowley Lane in Arkley.

WHAT TYPE OF TRAINING DO I RECEIVE?

Training will be based on improving you as a player on all aspects of the game, with sessions concentrating on technique, control and tactical awareness, to name but a few.

WHAT KIND OF MEDICAL CARE WILL I RECEIVE?

We employ a team of full and part time medical staff who look after our players and cater for all of their physiotherapy needs. We currently have a team of therapists and a fully functional gym, who will ensure our players have all the expert help and advice they need.

WHO WILL BE TEACHING ME?

Fully qualified tutors from Barnet & Southgate College will be responsible for helping you gain your desired qualifications, whilst your football coaching will be taken by ourselves and our UEFA and FA licensed coaches. All staff involved with the Academy are both first aid and safeguarding trained and checked. All staff fully adhere to both Barnet & Southgate Collge and Boreham Wood FC safeguarding policies.