

The Football Programme

Millfield's Football programme has a notable reputation as an academy-level development pathway. By emphasising development and personal growth, we aim to create technically gifted young players in a holistic, professional environment, which includes physiotherapy, an on-site nutritionist, specialist coaches with senior professional backgrounds and world-class facilities.



Fulfilling your potential

All players are offered the opportunity to participate in a well-structured programme that offers everything that you would expect from a performance pathway, as well as a rigorous academic focus which allows students to achieve on and off the field.



Millfield Football highlights

- Appointment of UEFA Pro License coach as Director of Football
- ISFA National Champions 2020
- Over 19 members of staff, with experience from Championship and Senior Football and PE and education specialists
- Graduates progressing to trials with professional clubs, and scholarships to US and UK universities
- Growing and expanding girls' programme, including a full-time coach
- Notable alumni including England and Aston Villa Centre Half, Tyrone Mings
- Other alumni playing League 1 to the National League
- Current students, boys and girls, playing age-group international football

Looking forward to 2020-21

- Increased number of training sessions
- Increasing links with professional clubs
- Introduction of performance management approach for the player

Catering for all levels

Football is the largest participation sport at Millfield with almost 400 students playing for 15 teams. Opportunities are available for all, from recreational to higher ability groups, through a full House/ intramural programme. Millfield uses a late specialisation model which allows students to participate in a multitude of other sports including athletics, hockey, swimming, rugby, cricket and netball. Our students are exposed to coaches and athletes who encourage improvement development and participation, with a matched challenge environment which allows students to mix with like-minded individuals. Millfield also has a unique coach development programme, allowing education specialists to learn from experts in relative fields to further enhance the education experience for both students and coaches at Millfield.



Tyrone Mings is Millfield's first Premiership and England footballer, who joined the school at 15 from Southampton FC. After Millfield, Tyrone played for Yate, Chippenham Town and Ipswich Town before securing a £26 million move from Bournemouth to Aston Villa. Tyrone played for England in the 2020 Euro qualifiers.



Darren Robinson

Darren has over 10 years of experience in 1st team coaching and performance management, holding positions such as Head of Performance and Recruitment for Birmingham City FC and Head of Performance for Huddersfield Town, Hull City and Nottingham Forest, and has been involved in three Championship play offs in his career to date. His experience in pathway coaching began as Director of Football at Loughborough University in 1998, leading him to work with U20s at Derby County and helping academy players achieve seven Premier League debuts with the club.

Darren also has experience working across sports, serving as the Lead Sport Psychologist for the Rugby Football League from 2002 to 2006, and he is also a GB age group athlete at Sprint and Ironman Distance.