

Why try Football?

Millfield's football programme has a notable reputation as being equivalent to a professional-level development pathway. By emphasising development and personal growth, we aim to create technically gifted young players in a holistic, professional environment, which includes athletic development, performance analysis, nutrition and physiotherapy services. Our purpose is to help prepare students for their journey through football, whether moving on to UK or international universities; continuing to play at grassroots; involved in the professional game as a player or coach; or one of the many wide and various roles now available in sport.



Players across all years, both boys and girls, are offered the opportunity to fulfil their potential and participate in a well-structured programme that offers everything you would expect from a development pathway, as well as a rigorous academic focus which allows students to achieve on and off the field.



Highlights from 2019-20

- ISFA National Champions 2020
- U18 Girls reached the ESFA Semi-Final
- Growing and expanding girls' programme, including more than 60 girls and a full-time coach
- Notable alumni including England and Aston Villa Centre Half, Tyrone Mings and Yeovil Town player Tom Whelan
- Other alumni playing League 1 to the National League
- Current students, boys and girls, playing age-group international schools football

Looking forward to 2020-21

- Contact time between 6-14 hours depending on ability and motivations, including games, conditioning, positional work and individual skill development
- Individual development plans for players
- Close connections with professional game to provide different development experiences
- House football league

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Coaches: Scott Laird, Jake Mawford, Dani Rodriguez



Football for All

Football is the largest participation sport at Millfield with around 400 students, boys and girls, playing for 15 teams. Opportunities are provided for all through the programme, including skills training, fitness development and competition, through to a full House/ intramural programme each season. The programme contains;

- Sport of the term for autumn & spring = weekly minimum of three training sessions, including regular fixtures

Our coaches come from a variety of senior professional football backgrounds and our Kingweston playing fields provide a world class facility for all to enjoy.



Success Stories

We are proud to acknowledge so many OM footballers today, including Tyrone Mings, who 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 has been called up to play for England in the 2020 Euro qualifiers.



Our new Director of Football Darren Robinson

Darren has over 10 years of experience in 1st team coaching and performance management. 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.

