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What a fantastic start to the Michaelmas Term for PSG Academy Ellesmere! From welcoming our first group of international players to elite training sessions, exciting experiences and competitive opportunities. Read on to discover the highlights and what's coming next!



**Official Launch Event
and PSG Hub**



A Truly International Pathway



**Watching their Heroes in
Action.**



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A LANDMARK START FOR PSG ACADEMY ELLESMERE

The first half of the Michaelmas Term has marked an exciting and successful beginning for PSG Academy Ellesmere, following the launch of the groundbreaking partnership between Ellesmere College and PSG Academy UK. The programme was created to provide ambitious young footballers with a unique opportunity to combine elite football development with outstanding academic education, and the opening weeks have demonstrated exactly what this vision can achieve.

More than 50 players have joined the Academy's inaugural cohort, creating a vibrant and ambitious footballing environment on campus. With almost half of the students arriving from overseas, the Academy has already established itself as a truly international programme, attracting players from countries including Germany, Spain, Italy, Poland, Lithuania, the Netherlands and Mexico.



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OFFICIAL LAUNCH EVENT AND PSG HUB

September saw the formal launch of the Academy, bringing together players, coaches, staff and representatives from both PSG Academy UK and Ellesmere College. During the event, Alex Harrap, Managing Director of PSG Academy UK, presented players in the newly prepared PSG Hub, with their official PSG Academy match shirts and spoke about the values and responsibilities that come with representing one of the world's most recognised football brands.

The occasion highlighted the significance of the partnership and reinforced the shared commitment to developing not only talented footballers, but also outstanding young people.

In Numbers:

50+ Players enrolled in the inaugural year.

8+ Nationalities represented across the Academy.

5 Days A week of integrated elite football training.

100% Commitment to combining academic achievement with football development.





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LIFE AS A PSG ACADEMY PLAYER

Students have quickly adapted to the demands and rewards of the Academy timetable, which seamlessly integrates academic lessons with daily football development.

The programme includes:

- Technical and tactical training sessions
- Position-specific coaching
- Strength and conditioning
- Video analysis using VEO technology
- Athletic profiling and performance monitoring
- Competitive fixture programme
- Individual player development planning

This structure mirrors the professional methodology used throughout the global PSG Academy network and ensures students receive a holistic development experience aligned with the PSG Academy in Paris.





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A TRULY INTERNATIONAL PATHWAY

One of the Academy's greatest strengths is the diversity of its student-athletes. The first cohort has brought together players from across Europe and beyond, creating an environment where cultural exchange and friendship sit alongside sporting ambition. For international families and agents, the Academy continues to demonstrate its ability to provide a safe, supportive and aspirational environment in which pupils can thrive both personally and professionally.

The launch of the programme created such a real impact in the region with saw the BBC came down to do some filming and interviewing for both radio and their social media channels.

Watching their Heroes in Action.

The players had the unique opportunity of travelling down to Manchester to watch the recent Champions League game between Manchester City and PSG. An incredible game to watch and a lesson for all the players on what elite football looks like.





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MORE THAN FOOTBALL

At the heart of the programme is a belief that success extends beyond performance on the pitch.

Players are continually encouraged to demonstrate the values shared by both PSG

Academy UK and Ellesmere College:

- Respect
- Excellence
- Discipline
- Teamwork
- Accountability
- Leadership

These principles align closely with the College's wider commitment to preparing students to become confident, capable and globally minded young adults.

Building the Complete Student-Athlete

The Academy's integrated model ensures students never have to choose between educational achievement and football excellence. Alongside their training schedule, pupils continue to access the College's broad range of academic pathways and benefit from the exceptional pastoral care, boarding experience and co-curricular opportunities for which Ellesmere College is recognised. This dual-pathway approach remains one of the Academy's most attractive features and is already proving highly popular with both UK and international families.



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LOOKING FORWARD

The second half of the Michaelmas Term will see players continue to build on the excellent foundations established during the opening weeks.

Upcoming opportunities include:

- Additional competitive fixtures and progression in cup competitions
- Advanced player performance reviews
- Increased exposure to the wider PSG Academy network
- PSG World Cup selection (Under 13's)
- Launch of the PSG Tour June 2027
- Continued academic and personal growth

The enthusiasm, commitment and professionalism shown by players throughout the first half term have been outstanding, and there is genuine excitement about what can be achieved during the remainder of the academic year.





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MESSAGE TO OUR INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS

The successful launch of PSG Academy Ellesmere would not have been possible without the support of our valued international recruitment partners, educational consultants and agents.

The quality of the inaugural cohort demonstrates the confidence that families around the world have placed in this exciting new initiative. We sincerely thank our partners for their support and look forward to working together as we continue to grow one of the UK's most exciting football and education pathways.

Applications are now open for the PSG Academy at Ellesmere in September 2027, so please get in touch for further details.

A word from the Academy:

"The academy is flowing in the right direction. We're building a real platform here for players to go on, do well and succeed, not just as footballers but as people as well."

Harvey Lewis

Head Coach, PSG Academy Ellesmere

PSG Academy Ellesmere (Play and Train the PSG way!)

Elite Football. Outstanding Education. Exceptional Opportunities.



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