



THE ALBION FOUNDATION POWERCHAIR FOOTBALL AND FURTHER EDUCATION ELITE PROGRAMME

Specifically designed for ambitious young sports people with high needs aged 16-24 years old who are passionate about football, coaching and sports leadership.

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The Albion Foundation is a registered charity that works in partnership with West Bromwich Albion Football Club. The aim is to use the medium of football and the kudos of West Bromwich Albion Football Club to make a difference in the local community. Queen Alexandra College (QAC) is a specialist residential college based in Harborne, Birmingham. QAC supports over 190 students who study on a wide range of vocational, life and employment programmes.

PROJECT OUTLINE

The Albion Foundation will work in partnership with QAC. The programme will be based around Powerchair Football and offered to students who use a power or manual wheelchair and are eligible under the Federation of International Powerchair Football Association (FIPFA) classification criteria.

The programme will give the students the opportunity to develop as a powerchair football player and to provide a player pathway from playing in Regional, National and International competition.

You will train for 12 hours per week which is the recommended time to become an elite performer. Key partners will deliver the specific sporting qualifications to students. QAC will be responsible for teaching the theory of the course in sports leadership, independence, employment and functional skills. QAC will ensure the highest quality of achievement is maintained to maximise future success and progress for all students on the course.



WHY STUDY WITH QAC AND THE ALBION FOUNDATION

- Be part of a unique, ground breaking elite sport performance programme.
- Be coached by experienced and qualified Football Association and Powerchair football coaches.
- Be part of a coaching pathway from regional to National to International.
- Achieve nationally accredited qualifications at Level 1 to 3.
- A coaching pathway from volunteer through to potential paid work as a sports coach.
- Have access to specialist support services such as physiotherapy, mentoring and travel training.
- Achieve qualifications in coaching disabled footballers, FA Football Level 1, Football Level 2, Sports Leaders FA Youth Module 1 and Powerchair Football Qualification.
- Participate in generic disability sports workshops.
- Become a volunteer at local football clubs, schools, councils and other disability sports organisations as part of the work experience aspect of the programme.

TYPICAL WEEK

Monday to Wednesday - Based at QAC for a timetabled programme of vocational qualifications, independence, functional and employment skills; support subjects as required by each individual.

Thursday - The Albion Foundation to lead Powerchair Football Programme based at an alternative sports facility.

Friday - The Albion Foundation to lead Powerchair Football (am) followed by Football Qualifications or prep work (pm).



SPORTING CLUB ALBION POWERCHAIR FOOTBALL SUCCESS

- Sporting Club Albion (SCA) is the opportunity to represent West Bromwich Albion in Disability Sport.
- Sporting Club Albion finished 3rd in Wheelchair Football Association (WFA) National Premiership for the last four seasons.
- 3rd in European Powerchair Football Association (EPFA) Champions League in 2013.
- WFA National Cup Runners Up 2012/13.
- West Midlands PWCH League Winners 2011/12, 2012/13, 2013/14.
- Development Team League Champions and Runners Up in the West Midlands PWCH Championship 2012/13.
- We currently have four representatives in the England PWCH squad.



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For more information on the academic elements and funding process (an EHC plan may be needed through your Local Authority), please contact Beverley Jessop at Queen Alexandra College on 0121 428 5050

For more information on the elite sport element of the course, please contact Paul Hunt on 07984 610 283 or on paul.hunt@albionfoundation.co.uk