



The Ridgeway School  
& Sixth Form College

# CAREERS NEWSLETTER

This newsletter is a collation of all the opportunities we have heard about from employers and universities. Please use the links included to read more information and apply to anything you are interested in. Links are underlined.

## OPPORTUNITIES

Schools' Football Week is an ongoing ESFA initiative designed as an opportunity for schools, teams and clubs from across the country to embrace schools' football and the wellbeing benefits it provides to pupils and players.

Schools' Football Week (SFW) 2025 will be back in the calendars of schools across England from Monday 31 March until Sunday 6 April and for the first time, will run in partnership with Pokémon!



So, what if you are considering a career in Football? There are so many more jobs that "just" professional Footballers. Think of all the people who work in a football stadium; stewards, grounds people, physiotherapists, nutritionists, coaches, community engagement officers, analysts, sport photographers and SO many more. You can read more about Career Paths in Football here.



"0.06%. It's a number so small, it's hard to comprehend. But that is the chance of a young boy becoming a professional footballer in this country." - This information was taken from the BBC's Documentary "Football's Broken Dream". We don't want to be negative but if you have got your sights set on a becoming a footballer, you need to make sure you have a back up plan as the chances of making it are very slim.



Did you know that there is a university that specialises in degree courses that relate to Football? It's called UCFB. "UCFB is an established higher education provider, with a proven model for making sports education more relevant, more connected and more embedded in the sports industry, providing our students with the best experience in the world of sport." - You can read more about them here.



Here is the UCAS guide to Sport and Exercise Science.

## JOB OF THE WEEK



Sport Coach

A sports coach is a person who trains and motivates athletes to improve their performance in a sport. They work with athletes of all ages and abilities, from amateur to professional.

Watch the video to learn more about how much you could earn, working hours and pathways into the industry.

## LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT

The UK sports sector contributes almost £100 billion to the UK economy and supports more than 1.25 million jobs, according to 'groundbreaking' new research.

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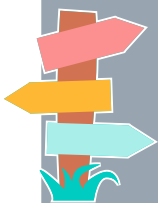
# OPPORTUNITIES



Careers in Sport LIVE brings the world of sports careers to life. Whether you're just starting out or looking to accelerate your career, our events connect young people and professionals with the diverse opportunities behind every sports team and event. Hosted at iconic sports venues, you'll get an inside look at the roles that drive professional sports clubs and their foundations – offering firsthand experience of the exciting careers available.



Here are some university students that are currently studying sport. You can chat with them to learn more about their university/course, ask them for advice and learn from their journeys.



These guides from Prospects about where different sport degrees could take you. You can click in to each job to find out more about how much you could earn, the routes into the industry and potential employers:

- [Sports and Exercise Science](#)
- [Sport Coaching](#)
- [Sport and Leisure Management](#)

Lots of football clubs offer work experience, even the big Premier League clubs! Here are some examples. If you can't see one you like or if Football isn't your preferred sport, search the name of the club you like followed by "work experience" to find the correct webpage.

- [Liverpool FC](#)
- [Brentford FC](#)
- [Exeter FC](#)
- [Swansea City FC](#)

By using this resource from Careers in Sport, you can choose from hundreds of interviews with successful professionals across the sports industry for expert advice. From Lawrence Lok, the National Coach Development Lead (Diversity and Inclusion) at the The Football Association to Alison Bender, a Football Presenter and Reporter; there is something for everyone!



## EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT

"We're looking for the best candidates to join us on the journey to building an active nation. There's no quick fix to make this vision a reality.

We welcome ambitious people who share our mission and are driven to lead, collaborate and innovate to help get the nation active."

Read more about Sport England Careers here.

## UNI SPOTLIGHT

"What makes our unique educational experience work so well is down to three key components: what we teach, where we teach and how we teach.

We believe this approach gives you the best chance of a successful career upon graduation."

Read more about UCFB's Courses here.