Glasgow Schools Football Programmes

P2/P3 Tesco Bank Project: Schools Programme

This programme is delivered in partnership with the Scottish FA and Glasgow Sport Football Development and aims to signpost players to existing Quality Mark clubs within local areas to create links that allows children to engage in post school activity. This provides a clear player pathway for boys and girls to participate and develop in Glasgow, aligned to long term player development principles. Creating sustainability by educating teachers and volunteers through coach education.

- Delivered by Glasgow Sport Football Development
- Target group P2/P3
- 60 primary schools participating annually, two classes per school
- 3,500 participants taking part each year
- Six weeks of curriculum time delivery
- Football festivals are organised at the end of each block across five areas in the city
- Provide in situ-training for the up skilling of class teacher via football coach
- CPD opportunities available

Soccer 4 Programme

This programme is delivered in partnership with Glasgow Sport Football Development and Education Services and has been designed as an activity based football project for boys and girls in P4. The programme is delivered to every Glasgow primary school.

- Delivered by Glasgow Sport Football Development
- 5,000 participants taking part each year
- 250 classes
- 15,000 coaching hours
- Six weeks of curriculum time delivery
- Football festivals are organised at the end of each block across five areas in the city
- Provide in situ-training for the up skilling of class teacher via football coach
- CPD opportunities available

Tesco Bank and Soccer4 programmes focus on:
- Developing confidence, co-ordination, physical activity/fitness and flexibility
- Complementing existing physical education, physical activity and school sport provision
- Encouraging pathways to after school clubs and community based clubs
**P6/P7 Primary Games Programme**

This provision gives primary schools the opportunity to play games against one another at local venues across the city.

- 12 venues city wide
- 800 participants taking part each year
- 80 primary schools involved
- Out of school hours programme
- Supported by Glasgow Kelvin College and Glasgow Clyde College student volunteers
- Regular dates are scheduled at each venue though out the year
- Delivered and supported by Glasgow Sport Football Development and PEPASS Active Schools Glasgow
- Includes the Glasgow Schools Football Association primary league

**SFA Advanced Lidl Skill Centre**

Pupils from P5, 6 and 7 city wide can attend a trial for the skills centre annually. The programme is out of school hours and sessions take place at the Glasgow Green.

- Delivered by Glasgow Sport Football Development
- Elite players city wide recruited through trial process
- The Scottish FA actively identify new players for the programme by overseeing a comprehensive scout/talent identification process (ongoing throughout programme) and conduct performance and evaluation profiles on each individual player

**Secondary School League Girls and Boys**

This league is an out of school hours programme creating opportunities for teams to come and play against each other.

- Target group: S1 boys and S1-S4 girls; Soccer G
- Boys and girls teams play alternate weeks on a Tuesday 4-6pm at Toryglen Football Centre
- 20 girls teams participate
- 15 boys teams participate
- 500 participants take part in both programmes
- Autumn and Spring League
- Competitions included are: Christmas and Summer Cup Tournaments
- Supported by Glasgow Kelvin College, Glasgow Clyde College student volunteers and Glasgow Sport Coach Core apprentices

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**Glasgow Schools Football Association**

The GSFA is the largest schools football association in the country. The association offers organised football at both primary and secondary level. The secondary league incorporates schools out with the Glasgow city boundary; this provides league football opportunities from S1 (Division 5) to S5/S6 (Division1).

- Secondary schools league
- 30 Glasgow secondary schools play competitive 11 a-side league and cup football
- Target group: S1-S6 boys
- Fixtures are co-ordinated by the GSFA
- Links to Scottish Schools’ Football Association
- Fixtures are played at school pitches and Glasgow Life venues across the city
- www.gsfa.net

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**Scottish FA Schools of Football**

Scottish FA Schools of Football are based at Govan High School and St Mungo’s Academy. There is a focus on achievement through sport funded by the Scottish FA with investment from Cash Back for Communities.

- S1 and S2 year groups; St Mungo’s have an S3 group
- Focuses on development of social and academic skills in a football environment that can be transferred to school work and social situations
- Five sessions per week are delivered. Sessions are split 4:1 between both football specific practical sessions on the pitch and theoretical sessions in the classroom
- During the classroom session the players work towards a Dynamic Youth Award which is accredited at SCQF Level 3
- Karsey McIninchey from Govan High has been part of the Scottish FA Regional Performance programme and has just recently represented Scotland at Under 16 level. Karsey is also the captain of Glasgow City FC under 15s and 17s.
Performance School of Football Based at Holyrood Secondary School

The performance school of football is run in partnership with the Scottish FA with a focus on player talent development. Young people are selected from across the west of Scotland. The school has a full-time coach to work in conjunction with the clubs and the school to enhance their technical skills at a key stage of their development and support the academic potential of the players.

From the 13 S5 players that have completed the programme:
- Ten have remained in the School to finish their higher education with three potentially being offered contracts at the end of the year and a player being offered leadership training and coach education to assist in the football coaching at the performance school.

2016/17 Cohorts: S1, 7 players, S2, 5 players, S3, 12 players and S4, 12 players.

2016/17 S5 Group is the first group of players that have completed the four years; 13 players graduated.

Scotland Caps

2000 year group: three have played for Scotland
2001 year group: five have played for Scotland

CPD/Leadership Opportunities
- Football leadership, Scottish FA Coach Education and refereeing opportunities are available to Glasgow Schools Sports Leaders and Young Ambassadors
- CPD Football courses and Coach Education are available for teaching and support staff throughout the academic year
- Some programmes have specific workshops designed for teaching staff, Tesco Bank and Soccer4 programme

Success Stories

SoccerG

Abigail Harrison (pictured), former pupil at Holyrood Secondary School, and former SoccerG Glasgow Schools Girls Football League player, is now Scotland Women’s A Squad member and former U19 Captain. Abi represented Scotland at U15, U17 and U19 levels and attends the National Performance Academy at Heriot Watt University. Abi now 19, plays for Hibernian Football Club in the SWPL1 and won both the League Cup and Scottish Cup in 2016. Abi also scored for Hibernian in their first ever Champions League tie against Bayern Munich in October 2016. Abi has been Hibs top scorer in SWPL 1 for the past two seasons.

Glasgow Schools FA

Stephen Hendrie, former St. Andrew’s Secondary School pupil who played for St. Andrew’s in the Glasgow Schools Football League.

Stephen began his career with Hamilton Academical, making over 100 appearances for the club before moving to West Ham United in July 2015. He moved on loan to Southend United in January 2016 and currently plays for Blackburn Rovers 2016-17. Stephen Hendrie is a Scotland youth international and has played at under-21 level.

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