

We at Pick Up Academy pride ourselves on providing young people with opportunities that were not available to us growing up. Deriving from similar backgrounds as many troubled young people in London; we understand the difficulties they face as well as the constant pressures surrounding them. Making decisions about their futures can be daunting for any 16 year old from our city and may be the last thing on their minds. We at Pick Up Academy assist these young people by providing a bridge, which will guide them to productive futures, whether in or out of the sporting industry.

We offer a BTEC level 3 in Sport which they can study for two years. This qualification can be used as a gateway into University as it is equivalent to an A-level. As well as studying, students have the opportunity to train and play matches on a regular basis. Showcase games against professional clubs and their academies have always been a favourite for students wishing to attend Pick Up Academy.

We also offer an NCFE Level 2 for students who may not have gained the grades they wanted at GCSE level. Here at the academy we understand that many young people may not have achieved the best qualifications at

school. This could be for various reasons but the one we refuse to believe, is that they are not capable. Studying an NCFE Level 2 at the academy gives the young people a chance to get back on their feet academically whilst playing the same level of football as the BTEC Level 3 students. The end result will be access to the BTEC Level 3 in Sport.

Traineeships have proven popular for young people not in education, employment or training (NEET) as we provide access to job opportunities. Through this we also help with CV building and work experience via our trusted partners whom we have been working with for many years. The main aim of this traineeship is to prepare the trainees for work. We also offer access to our BTEC Level 3 or NCFE Level 2 if the trainee is interested in studying, but this is dependent on their academic capability. PUA Media is a natural progression from sports to media. With each director of the academy having Bachelor's degrees in Sport and Media respectively, it was only right we introduce this course for young people who may not be interested in sport but may have a media interest. There will be a variation of qualifications that can be achieved at Level 2 whilst gaining experience on the go i.e. web design, flyer making and filming (training sessions and football matches). Gaining a Level 2 qualification in Digital Media will be the best result for the prospective student, giving them the opportunity to either carry on their education or further their career within the media industry.

Our recent partnership with Sutton United FC has guaranteed us quality, flood lit football and education all under one roof. Both groups using the same education provider ensures we deliver the best education for our students. Football will also be on a regular basis, with access to the FA Youth Cup and a variety of competitive matches across the UK. Our ethos at Pick Up Academy is to provide opportunity. We believe the young people are the future and part of our aim to create a better world. We are just playing our part in assisting them to the career paths of their choice, giving them more confidence to be the best they possibly can be.