



*"This is an amazing course It allows me to balance my academic studies and pursue my sporting interests. The opportunities to learn outside the classroom in a challenging, practical environment are amazing. The kayaking is great and I am developing a unique skillset for my CV and personal statement too!"*

# Sports Academy

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### Is this course for me?

St. Mary's Sports Academy is ideal for any student wishing to pursue a career in sport and leisure, whether that is within coaching, sports journalism, leisure management, physiotherapy or teaching. The qualifications and leadership opportunities will act as a 'springboard' for future employment and/or university.

### Areas of study

Currently the main focus of the Sport Academy is on the nationally recognised 'Certificate in Higher Sports Leadership Award' run by Sports Leaders UK. This course has UCAS points attached to it. There is an opportunity to gain coaching qualifications such as: The FA level 1 Coaching Badge, The FA referee badge, Young Leaders Handball, RFU Tag level 1, RFU level 1 referee course, Basketball level 1 coaching, Basketball level 1

scoring and refereeing badge, Passport Golf level 1, Cricket coach support worker.

All qualification costs are either heavily subsidised or will be paid fully by St. Mary's.

### Future Opportunities:

All qualifications are nationally recognised, leading potentially to future employment. They will certainly enhance any UCAS application for sport related courses. Within the football industry coaches now must have a minimum of a level 1 badge. Referees must also be qualified. PE teaching is becoming a hugely competitive and popular career for young people. Anything that can set you apart from other applicants will be massively beneficial. Universities are keen to allocate places to students who are not solely academic and have demonstrated

the ability to lead, volunteer and work outside a school setting. St. Mary's Sports Academy allows for all of these opportunities.

At St. Mary's Sixth Form we believe that we are unique in so much that there is not another 6th from provider in Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre offering something similar to our versatile, specialist course.

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