

ROUTE ONE: STUDENT-ATHLETE ROUTE'

Our Under 23's Football Programme is designed for players who are ready to challenge themselves at the highest level outside of professional football. To be eligible to represent our Under 23s team, all athletes must be enrolled on our university degree pathway—this includes our HNC Community Coaching (Level 4), HND Community Coaching (Level 5), Or our BSc (Hons) in Sports Coaching. This is a compulsory requirement, and forms the foundation of our student-athlete model.

As a student-athlete at Holbeach United FEA, your academic success is just as important as your footballing journey. Selection and continued availability for fixtures are directly linked to your progress and commitment in the classroom. We're building complete athletes—strong on the pitch, and sharp in their studies.

Our Under 23s compete in the National Football Youth League (NFYL)—the most competitive and respected youth league outside of professional academy football. The NFYL boasts one of the highest scouting visibility rates, with many players earning professional contracts through their performances. To learn more about the league, visit the NFYL website.

Players will benefit from:

3 high-quality training sessions per week

At least 1 competitive fixture weekly

Access to experienced UEFA-qualified coaches and a support network focused on development, exposure, and opportunity

This is your chance to play, develop, and be seen—while earning a qualification that opens doors beyond the game.