



England Golf

Growing The Game

Advanced Apprenticeship in Sporting Excellence (AASE)



supporting your future

AASE - A sporting success story

“*Being on AASE has really been fantastic for me as it has allowed me to concentrate on training and competing as an international while also giving me qualifications which will be important to me in my future.*”

Rachel Jennings

England International golfer



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Paul Broadhurst

Multiple winner on the European Tour

Did you know?

There are more than 2500 talented young sportsmen and women aged between 16 and 19, in over 12 sports in England that are currently training to become world class. What is special about these aspiring athletes is that they are enrolled on a programme that allows them to both train in their chosen sport and prepare for life after sport by gaining qualifications that will set them up for the workplace – or allow them to progress to university.

What is special about this programme is that it can be recognized by employers and universities alike. It is based around a combination of on the job learning, reflective practice and learner-centred development; and more than 2500 employers in the UK are currently offering similar

programmes. What is special about it? It is an apprenticeship. It is the Advanced Apprenticeship in Sporting Excellence – AASE.

The concept

Never before has there been a programme that can bridge the divide between being an elite golfer and having the qualifications needed to consider an alternative career once this career has ended or the opportunities to earn a living have not materialised. AASE is the perfect programme for aspiring players as it gives them more quality coaching hours with top quality coaches; better access to modern well equipped facilities; and the use of new technologies, with access to sports science professionals, technicians and top quality medical professionals.



Rebecca Adlington the double Olympic Gold medallist at the Beijing Games can attest to the impact of AASE, Rebecca was an Advanced Apprentice as a part of the AASE programme in swimming before going to the Olympics, Rebecca has said, "I didn't do my A levels at school so the AASE programme enabled me to train for swimming and continue with my education at the same time." Rebecca puts down a major part of her success to AASE without which she is certain that the sacrifices she would have needed to make in order for her to focus on her education would have limited her ability to perform to the levels she has.

Even players at the highest level recognise the important role that AASE is playing on the development of the sport. **Paul Broadhurst**, multiple

winner on the European Tour and Ex-Ryder Cup team member has said, "Studying on a course like this is a brilliant opportunity for young people interested in golf. There was nothing like this for me when I was younger and it can only bode well for the future of the sport."

Peter Mattsson the Director of Coaching at the English Golf Union has recognised the role that AASE can play in the development of an aspiring elite golfer. "The fact that a player can combine their studies with their golf into one almost seamless package is fantastic. Previously players would have to sacrifice their competitive and training schedules in order to study for exams in the middle of the competitive season but with AASE the competitive season is a part of their studies!"



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What an England Golf AASE Academy provides...

Physical Resources

- Full membership of an approved golf club
- Unlimited access to fit-for-purpose practice facilities
- Access to a fit-for-purpose putting green
- Sufficient access to a suitable facility for fitness training
- Where delivery occurs on multiple sites, apprentices will be offered transport between the sites
- Access to affordable residential accommodation*
- Opportunities for warm weather training*

Human Resources

- A minimum of 60 coaching sessions per year
- 240 guided practice sessions per year
- Individualised coaching programmes designed to meet the player's needs
- Coaches that will work with a player's personal coach where appropriate
- Sports psychology support
- Physiological and nutritional support
- Physical screening and feedback time
- Access to a mentor/assessor for each apprentice to successfully complete the qualification
- Opportunity to meet with a careers advisor and support with any applications to Higher Education

Educational Resources

- Flexible learning options, A-Levels, AS Levels, BTEC or other appropriate courses to meet the student's needs and career aspirations
- All academies will be linked to approved educational establishments.
- Students will have computer and internet access for a minimum of three hours per week with tutor support provided to assist in the completion of all assessments
- Opportunity to achieve all available grades on their academic programme
- Support in planning and developing their careers both within and outside the sport
- Where relevant, apprentices will be supported with UCAS applications

Competitions

- Players will be supported in managing their competitive schedules and flexible arrangements will be made for players who are required to miss elements of college due to representative commitments
- Players will be provided with a regular competitive opportunity in team events as a part of the college team where appropriate
- Support will be provided to assist in competition expenses for those players that are able to play in elite level amateur competitions

AASE enabled me to develop a much more structured approach to my golf which led to a major improvement in my game.

Adam Norman
AASE Graduate



* May require additional contributions

Frequently asked questions...

What qualifications will I get at the end of it?

Students will usually complete a BTEC National Certificate or a BTEC National Diploma in a related subject. These qualifications involve a continuous assessment programme involving the completion of a number of assignments and are the equivalent of 2 or 3 'A' levels respectively.

I would like to study for a qualification which has more UCAS points than 2 'A' levels, can I do this?

Yes. Students on AASE can either 'top up' their academic programme with an additional 'A' or 'AS' level to gain additional UCAS points. Equally students can opt to take coaching or leadership qualifications, many of which also offer points for university entrance.

I would prefer to do 'A' Levels, is this possible?

It is possible for students to complete the programme following an 'A' level route although it should be noted that this requires the student to take on a fairly strenuous extra workload.

What is the National Vocational Qualification component of AASE?

Vocational Qualifications are designed to recognise 'work based learning' which provides a means by which the student can show what they have

learned while actually on the job. The programme contains a National Vocational Qualification (NVQ), which is fully reflective of the broad range of competencies required in professional sport. It is designed to directly measure the student's ability to apply themselves to professional development in the technical, tactical, physical and psychological aspects of golf. Importantly it will also directly address wider issues, such as lifestyle, communication, wider career management and health and safety.

What are the selection criteria for AASE?

4 handicap or below for males and 8 handicap or below for females. However each AASE academy will grant places to players with higher handicaps if they can demonstrate that they have significant potential to go further and achieve excellence. Selection will also include some or all of the following:

- Performance in an 18-hole stroke play qualifying event
- Skills tests
- Assessment by a PGA Coach
- Previous academic performance
- Previous performance in golf tournaments
- A selection interview

It is an unrivalled opportunity for the country's most talented young athletes to develop their potential.

Glynis Webster
Head of Department for Sport & Leisure, Leeds City College





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