

Junior Elite Graduates

2002 - 2011

The story so far...

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Welcome to the Junior Elite Graduate's brochure.

This brochure has been compiled; to celebrate some of the most wonderfully gifted players that we have coached, nurtured and seen join professional football clubs.

When my football career was unfortunately cut short at the age of twenty-three due to an injury, my next move was to go into coaching. As a player I always enjoyed learning about the game, I would always ask my coach questions as to why certain situations would happen and how we could counteract them. I was always interested in studying football teams that play with flair and produce results. In addition to this I have always been interested how different types of players could utilise their natural personalities and playing styles to help fuel excellent team football.

This type of thinking would hold me in good stead, following my early retirement; I decided I wanted to give back to the game in some way. I set up Junior Elite in 1998, which was formally known as Timebridge.

Timebridge youth club was based in New Addington, and therefore only wanted players who were either from New Addington or members of the youth club.

The way our teams played encouraged a lot of young players from outside of New Addington to want to join us, however because of the rules put in place by the youth club leaders, this was not possible.

In order for us to progress to the next level of success I knew I would have to move away from New Addington. We moved our training and Match day venue to the Royal Bethlem Hospital in Shirley in 2002 and changed our name to Junior Elite.

My ambition was to put in place a coaching programme and eye catching style of playing football that would enable us to produce discipline and productive players from all over South London, with the ability to join professional football clubs.

In the past nine years, we have had huge success in seeing many of our young footballers develop excellent character, and attain competitive, and in many cases exceptional levels of football skill and leadership. We have also seen significant number of our players sign school boy registrations, Scholarships and Professional contracts at clubs.

For me personally there is no better feeling when you see a Junior Elite player, naturally mature in character, function as part of a well homed and skilful team, and then go on to make his professional debut. I have been fortunate enough to experience

this on numerous occasions and it absolutely leaves me feeling with a sense of pride.

For the future our goals, aspirations and targets are clearly defined. We will continue to produce players capable of playing with correct style football and strong determination, so that they can go on to become very competitive professional footballers.

Thank you

Colin Omogbehin

Junior Elite Director

The Graduates

Jardel Adeyinka

Jardel joined Junior Elite as an under 6 and showed great potential with his ability to score goals. At 8 years old Jardel then went on to sign for Southend United, making him the youngest ever Junior Elite player to join an Academy.

Jardel's qualities were recognised by a number of premier league clubs and it was Fulham who won the race to sign the young goal machine, when he signed for them in July 2009.





Drew Allassani

Drew joined Junior Elite in 2008. This midfield play maker has earned positive reviews from admiring scouts with his stylish and clever play. Drew has the ability to play in the centre of midfield or behind the front man.

He will be graduating at the end of the season and joining Fulham Academy.



Dishon Bernard

Dishon joined Junior Elite when he was 6 years old. The talented midfielder came of age, when he played a fundamental role in the success of the Junior Elite under 10s team last season, despite being a year younger than his teammates, he demonstrated how talented he was.

This season Dishon joined Chelsea, but he will always be remembered by us as a, important player of Junior Elite.

Jamal Blackman

Jamal joined Junior Elite in 2002 after being discovered by our coach Winston Kelly. Jamal had never played in goal before, however Winston believed with his size he would be best suited to this position. It was soon discovered that Jamal was a natural in this position and he blossomed. A number of professional football clubs courted Jamal as his reputation grew.

Jamal graduated from Junior Elite in 2006 and signed for Chelsea. He has since gone on to sign a two year scholarship as well as playing in their youth and reserve teams. Jamal became the first Junior Elite graduate to play at international level when represented England under 16s in the victory shield in 2009.

Goal Keeper





Jordan Clarke

Jordan Clarke arrived at Junior Elite in 2003 and was instantly identified as a typical Junior Elite player with his quick feet and high level of skill.

Jordan graduated in 2007 when he joined Crystal Palace. He signed a two year scholarship with them in July 2010.

Nathan Daley

Nathan joined Junior Elite in 2005 and proved a huge success winning the Tandridge league with what has been argued, one of the greatest Junior Elite teams of all time.

After graduating from Junior Elite in 2007, Nathan joined Crystal Palace on a school boy registration contract and has since gone on to sign a two year scholarship agreement with them.





Kieran Djiali

Kieran Djiali graduated from Junior Elite Football Club in 2005. He went on to sign for Crystal Palace at the age of 14, it was during this period Kieran attracted the attention of a number of premier league clubs and was invited to play for Manchester United in the under 17 milk cup.

Kieran signed professional for Crystal Palace at the age of 17 and made his debut in the first team at the same age. He is one of the most exciting young players in the country and has a huge future ahead of him. We at Junior Elite are proud to say he is very much one of ours.

Alistair Gordon

Alistair joined Junior Elite as an under 8 and graduated in 2007 with the likes of Jordon Clarke and Nathan Daley.

Alistair always played a year up and was a very hard working and honest player.

He joined Chelsea and is their current Under 16s captain, he has also been called up to represent England at the under 16 level this season.





Ben Kudjodi

Ben joined Junior Elite in 1999, helping junior elite to win back to back Tandridge league Titles. During his time with us he had trials with Chelsea, Arsenal and Nottingham Forest. Ben graduated in 2003 and also signed for Crystal Palace

In 2007 Ben Kudjodi became the first ever Junior Elite graduate to sign professional terms, after completing a two year scholarship with Crystal Palace. He made his professional debut for Crystal Palace in 2008, coming on in the home league match against Sheffield Wednesday.

Wesley McDonald

Wesley joined Junior Elite at the age of 6 and was immediately identified as the player with the most potential in a very good group of Junior Elite players.

He always led by example with his high level of technical ability and his desire to win. Wesley was a player whose trade mark was to play round the corner and receive the ball on the half-turn, as a result of this he was always thinking ahead of his opponents and they could never get close enough to tackle him.

In 2009 Wesley graduated from Junior Elite and following firm offers from a host of Premier League clubs, joined Fulham Academy.





Nathaniel Olawole

Nathaniel joined Junior Elite in 2009 and is hailed as the most talented player to ever emerge from Junior Elite. This flying winger's, breathtaking dribbling skills, speed and eye for goal has seen a host of Premier and Football League clubs courting his signature.

The current player of the year will graduate at the end of the season and join Fulham Academy.

Nathaniel Pinney

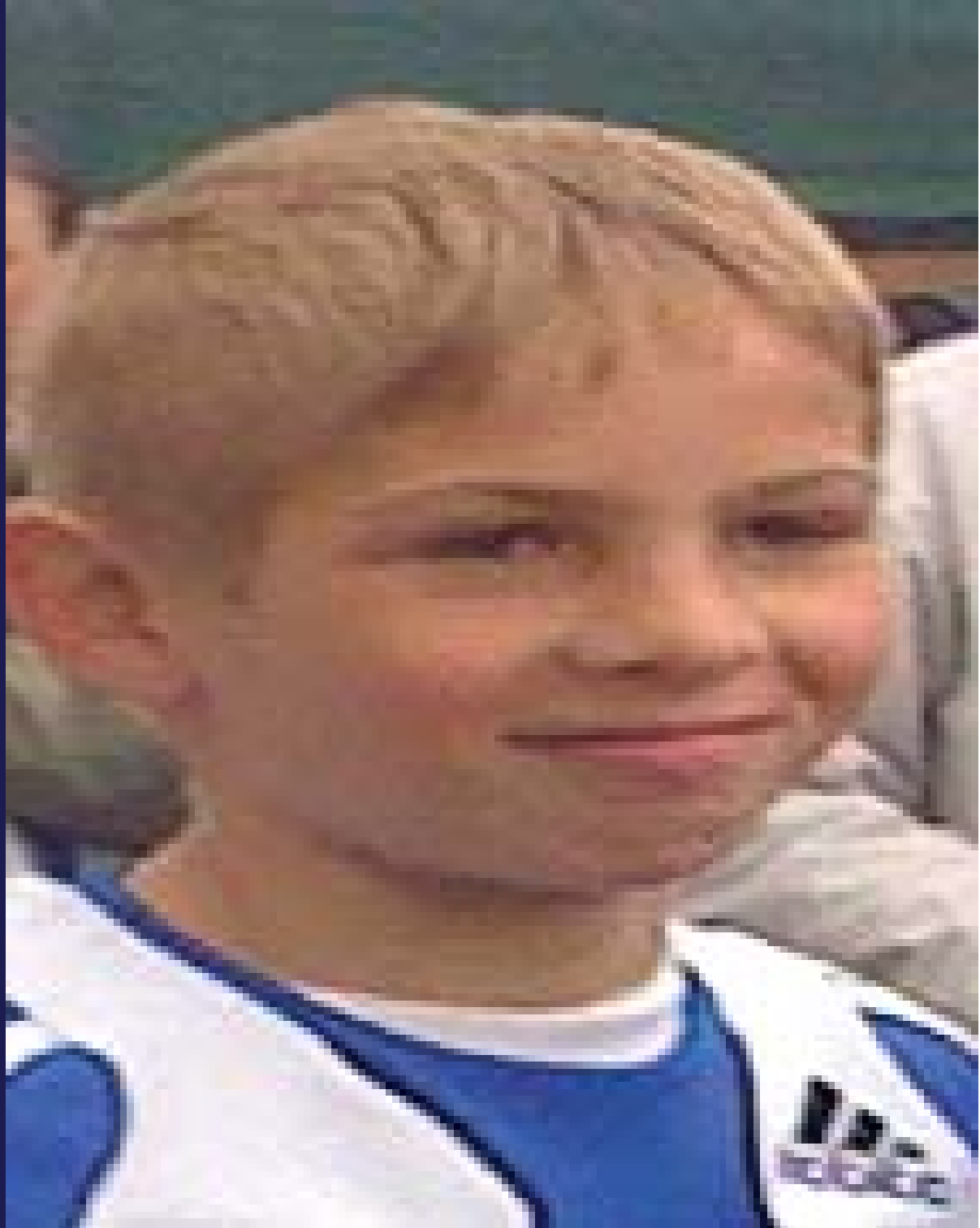
Nathaniel (Bozy) was a hard working goal scoring centre forward. He graduated from Junior Elite in 2005 at the age of 15 and after having an unsuccessful trial at Crystal Palace joined Fisher Athletic. Under the watchful eye and development of Fisher's coaches Gavin Rose, Robert Mapp and Junior Caddy, Nathaniel began to truly blossom.

In 2007 Junior Elite Director Colin Omogbehin invited Nathaniel aged 17 back into Crystal Palace for another trial, this time proved successful and it was not long before Nathaniel was scoring goals regularly for the Palace youth team.

As a reward for his hard work and progression Nathaniel was given a two year professional contract with the Eagles. He has also made a number of appearances in their first team.



Midfielder



Emile Smith-Rowe

Emile took the Tandridge League by storm last season with his high level displays. The goal scoring midfielder ended up being the clubs top goal scorer.

Following a trial at Chelsea, Emile became the first Junior Elite player to sign for Arsenal, when he graduated last season.

Dominic Vose

Dominic joined Junior Elite in 2004 and quickly established himself as a goal scoring midfielder. Dominic graduated from Junior Elite in 2006 a year earlier than his teammates to sign for Crystal Palace. On his arrival at Crystal Palace he was immediately fast tracked into their under 13s team, despite being an under 12.

In this environment Dominic carried on his growing reputation of getting goals from midfield when he scored five goals in his first eight games. Dominic left Palace to sign for Fulham, whilst also having a trial at Manchester United. Dominic is now at West Ham United where he signed a professional contract on his seventeenth birthday in November 2010.





Junior Elite Players are taught to play the game with flair skill and imagination

We use coaching points and language to coach our Junior Elite players. This approach becomes embedded in our players and with the understanding and practice it has often made the transition for players smooth, when they join Academy or Centre of Excellence. We believe that the key role, to our success of producing players is that we are continually teaching players the right habits and this is broken up into the following areas.



With the ball

- receive on the half turn,
- check your shoulder,
- side on,
- have a picture
- know your pass,
- move the ball quick,
- produce big angles,
- create 2v1s,
- over laps,
- play angled passes,
- play safe side,
- play to the back foot,
- produce depth,
- produce length,
- produce width,
- quick 1-2s,
- play round the corner,
- change the play,
- pre/opposite movement,
- rotation,
- positive decision making,
- third man runs,
- hold the ball up,
- touch and spin,
- split passes,
- play through the phases,
- don't take too many touches,
- tight first touch,
- quick second touch/pass,
- vision/awareness

Without the ball

- get narrow/compact
- tuck in
- get close quickly
- win races
- tackles
- headers
- always compete
- press high
- drop off on unopposed kicks
- one up three round, track runners
- communicate/organise
- win the ball back early
- mark channel side
- get touch tight
- weight on back foot
- don't dive in
- stay on feet
- be patient
- don't get done on 1-2s
- stay in your zone
- squeeze
- drop
- hold
- open shouldered
- anticipate
- read
- react
- earn the right to play

Junior Elite Graduates

Since 2003 Junior Elite Football Club has been producing players that have gone onto sign for professional Football Clubs.

Staggering forty-five home grown Junior Elite players have graduated from our club and signed for either Premier League or Football league clubs in the following categories, Schoolboy Player, Apprentice/Scholarship and Professional.

Below is a list of all our graduates so far and our message to our current crop of talented youngsters at Junior Elite is

WHO IS NEXT?

The Junior Elite coaching programme works, just read the evidence below.

2003 Graduates

Hamze Ishmael	Chelsea Scholarship
Lumumba Amena	Leyton Orient Scholarship
Liam Harwood	Bristol Rovers Professional
Luke Hickey	Crystal Palace Scholarship
Ben Kudjodi	Crystal Palace Professional

2005 Graduates

Kieran Djiali	Crystal Palace Professional
Nathaniel Pinney	Crystal Palace Professional
Hakeem Adelakun	Crystal Palace Professional
Michael Abnett	Crystal Palace Professional
Aaron Guard	Crystal Palace School boy
Calvin Hicks	Crystal Palace School boy

Michael Boateng	Crystal Palace School boy
Aaron Thompson	Crystal Palace School boy
Tyrone Cassius	Daganham and Redbridge Scholarship
Michael Amponsa	Daganham and Redbridge Scholarship
Liam Fitzpatrick	Crystal Palace school boy
Curtis Wayne	Crystal Palace school boy
Stephan Payne	Gillingham Professional
Tashan Adeyinka	Southend Scholarship

2007 Graduates

Jeffrey Kimoto	Crystal Palace school boy
Liam Adeyinka	Southend United school boy
Matthew Dury	AFC Wimbledon Scholarship
Jordan Clarke	Crystal Palace Scholarship
Jamal Blackman	Chelsea Scholarship
Nathan Daley	Crystal Palace Scholarship
Conner Wilkinson	Charlton Athletic School boy
Dominic Vose	West Ham United Professional
Alistair Gordan	Chelsea Scholaship

2009 Graduates

Wesley McDonald	Fulham School boy
Gavin Long	Crystal Palace School boy
Aaron Bissaka	Crystal Palace School boy
Shawn Mason	Fulham School boy
Jardel Adeyinka	Fulham School boy

Parris Pattern	Crystal Palace School boy
Mikel Scarlett	Chelsea School boy
Jason Emmanuel	Crystal Palace Schoolboy
Alistair Gordan	Chelsea Scholaship

2010 Graduates

Daniel McCloud-Higgins	Brentford School boy
Liam Roden	Reading Schoolboy
Dante Aniemeka	Southend United School boy
Emile Smith-Rowe	Arsenal School boy

2011 Graduates

Nathaniel Olawole	Fulham School boy
Drew Allassani	Fulham School boy
Dishon Bernard	Chelsea School boy
Nico Lawrence	Fulham School boy
Ryan Bartley	Fulham School boy

Closing Thoughts

The last eight years have flown by, it just seems like yesterday I was leading a Junior Elite team out in the Final of the Surrey County Cup, which we unfortunately lost. One of the things I remember saying to the boys after that game was, I understood their disappointment, however its all about the bigger picture and in this club's case the bigger picture is can you progress to a professional club.

As you have read in this brochure a number of Junior Elite boys have had this opportunity and as a result of this Junior Elite is without question the best Sunday League club around.

I would like to thank all my ex-players and present players for the contribution you have made in putting Junior Elite on the map and helping us to achieve great success.

Long may we keep doing this and the question to our next generation of players is WHOSE NEXT?

