



Cornwall Player Pathway

‘Providing opportunities for Cornish players to reach their full potential’



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Cornwall Boys Player Pathway



Cornwall is a unique part of the country and whilst it has many amazing historical features it also comes with some extreme challenges to overcome. These include the geographical challenges of area size and in parts poor transport infrastructure meaning getting across the county can often be a problem. Coupled with Cornwall being one of the poorest regions in northern Europe and a quarter of children living in poverty makes for difficult reading and developing football and people more of a challenge.

Our aim at Cornwall County FA is to provide football for one and all (Onen Hag Oll) whilst offering opportunities for players to develop and reach their full potential both as players and people. The continued establishment of a recognised structure that embraces these challenges and integrates them together into a long-term strategy for player development is therefore crucial.

With this firmly in mind Cornwall County FA, the Cornwall Schools FA, Penryn College, Mounts Bay Academy and Plymouth Argyle FC have come together to form a working partnership with the aim of creating and implementing an efficient and progressive player pathway for county wide player development.

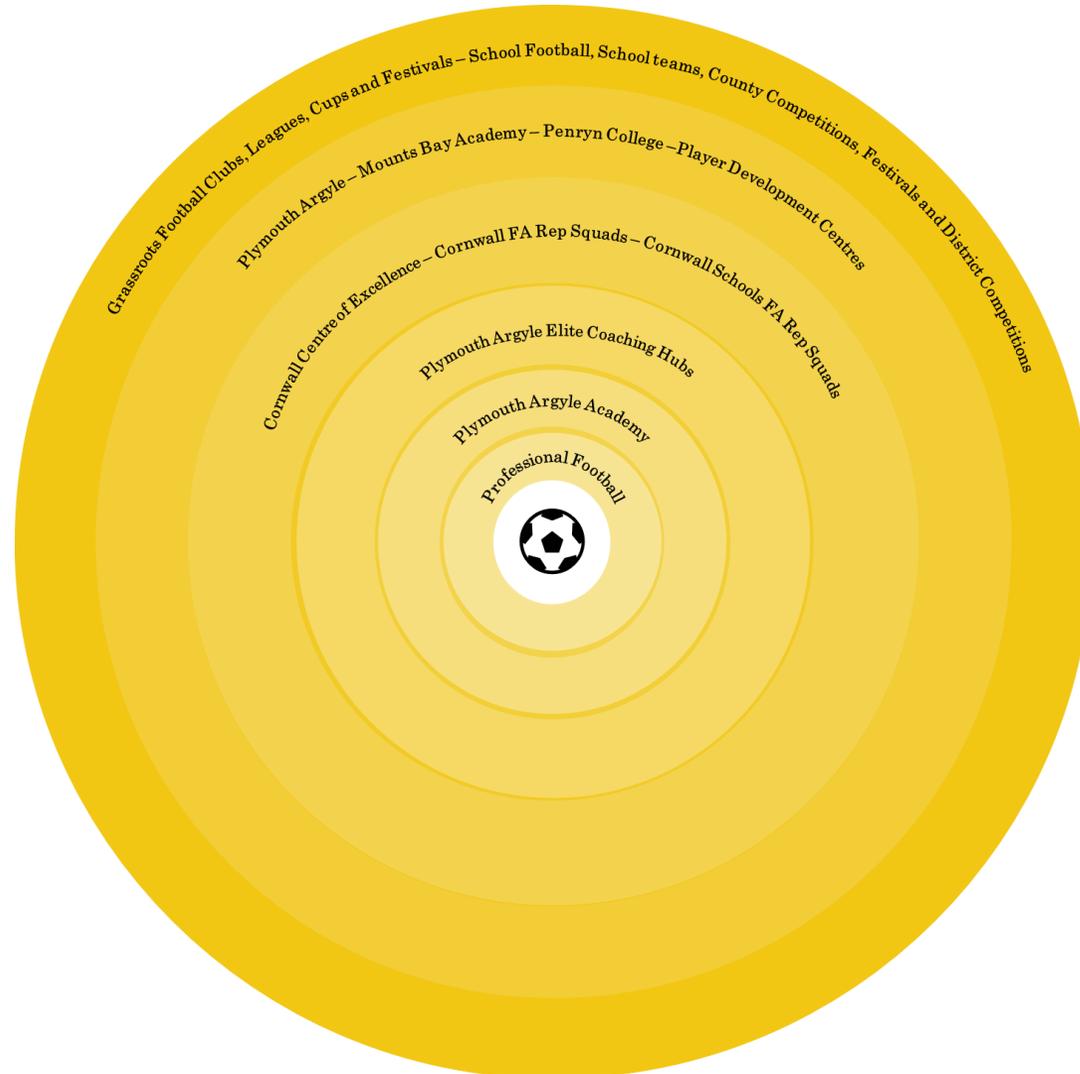
The following document will explore the Cornwall Boys Player Pathway including all of the player development centres that provide high quality coaching opportunities to Cornish players. Players within the pathway then have the opportunity to progress to Plymouth Argyle's Academy.

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Professional Football	This is the highest level of football available for players. The players in this environment will be signed with a professional club who they will representing in competitive fixtures as well as training full time with their club.			
Plymouth Argyle Academy	This environment consists of structured training sessions designed by Plymouth Argyle Football Club. Players in the academy will sign on with Plymouth Argyle Football Club and play in a competitive games programme against other professional football club academies. This is the highest level of youth football and players in this category are unable to play in grassroots football.			
Plymouth Argyle Elite Coaching Hubs (East and West)	2 hubs (East and West) are delivered by Plymouth Argyle Academy to provide high quality, structured training sessions to their signed Cornish based academy players. Additionally players excelling in local football and players progressing within the Centre of Excellence will also be invited to train with the academy players to help further their opportunities for progression. Please note, players can only attend these hubs if they have received an invitation.			
Cornwall Centre of Excellence	This centre provide talented footballers (boys/mixed) with the opportunity to develop skills and tactical knowledge in a structured and competitive environment, alongside their grassroots football.			
Cornwall FA Representative Sides	The CCFA have representative sides that play against other County FA rep squads. These squads will consist of talented players (boys/mixed) within the county that aren't playing for a professional club. For the 2021/22 season the CCFA Rep Squads are currently on pause.			
Cornwall Schools FA Representative Sides	Cornwall Schools' FA oversees Schools' football within the County, running competitions for all school children to take part in. The County is also split into two separate district associations, known as East and West Cornwall Schools' FA. Both district representative squads are made up from talented school players (boys/mixed), age group squads are available at U11s, U13s, U14s and U15s. These squads play fixtures against other district associations within regional leagues, and also take part in the English Schools' FA national cup competitions. External fixtures are also arranged, including fixtures against local professional clubs. There are also full County Schools' representative honours available at U14s for both boys and girls, further stretching and providing additional opportunities for players to develop within Schools' football in Cornwall.			
Player Development Centres (PDCs)	The PDC sessions provides an additional playing opportunity for boys/mixed, alongside their grassroots football. Sessions will follow a training syllabus designed to stretch and challenge players.			
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Plymouth Argyle	Penryn College	Mounts Bay Academy		
Grassroots Football Clubs and Schools Football	This football provision provides opportunities to develop skills in a relaxed, enjoyable and friendly environment (boys/mixed). Teams will have the opportunity to gain match experience through different boys football leagues.			



Case Studies

Luke Jephcott

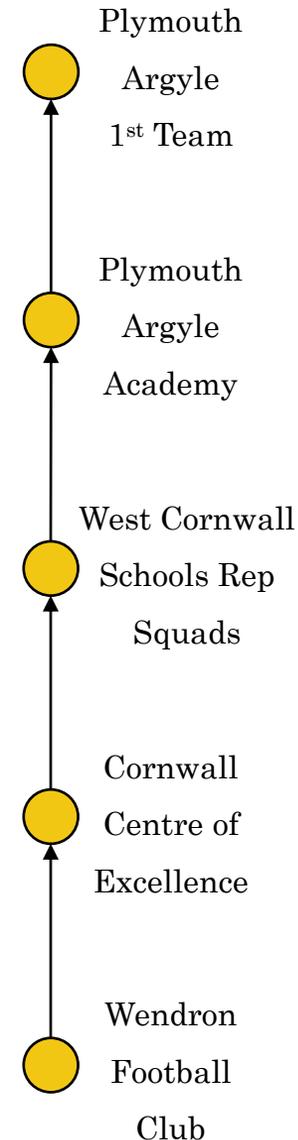


Luke Jephcott is currently representing Plymouth Argyle Football Club after progressing through the Cornwall Player Pathway.

Starting his footballing journey in Cornwall with Wendron Football Club, Luke has refined his goal scoring talent to make him a 1st team regular for the Pilgrims.

Luke also represented West Cornwall Schools' FA at U13, U14 and U15 which included a National Cup victory against Liverpool Schools' FA in the 2012/13 season.

Aged 21, Luke managed to score 18 times in all competitions during the 2020/21 season (16 of these goals featuring in league One). This goal-scoring form has been rewarded with a contract extension until the summer of 2023 as well as an international call up for Wales U23's.



Brandon Pursall

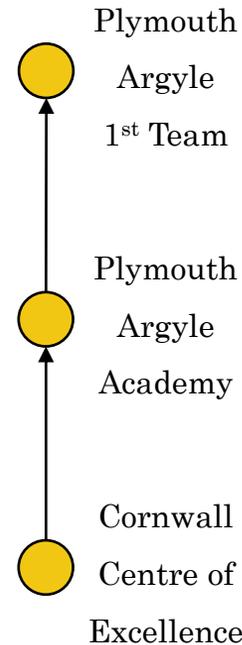


After progressing through Cornwall's Player Pathway and Plymouth Argyle's Academy, Brandon Pursall signed his 1st professional deal on his 17th Birthday.

Having successfully progressed through the Cornwall Player Pathway (East Cornwall Schoolboys at under-14 and under-15 level), Brandon joined the Pilgrims' Academy as an under-nine, impressing through the age groups.

Pursall's promising performances as a left-sided defender led to national recognition in August 2018, when he was invited to join an England under-15 training camp in Loughborough.

His introduction as a first-team player at just 16 years and 176 days old also made Brandon the third youngest competitive appearance maker in the club's history.



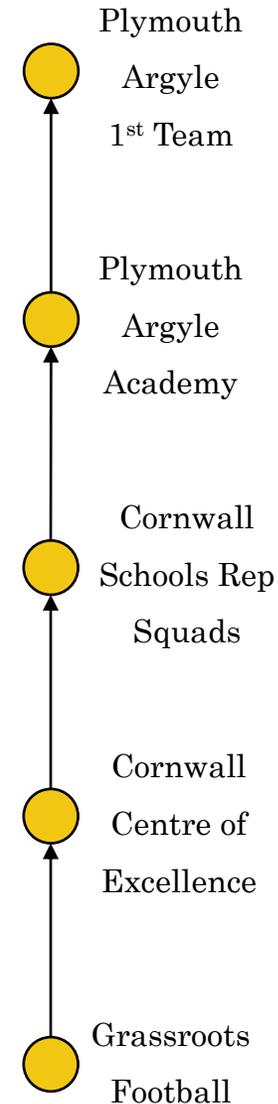
Freddy Issaka



Progressing through Cornwall's Player Pathway, Freddy Issaka is Plymouth Argyle's youngest ever player after appearing for the Pilgrims against Newport County aged just 15.

Freddy joined the Cornwall Centre of Excellence after being scouted at a local grassroots tournament in Cornwall. After spending some time developing his craft, Freddy progressed into Plymouth Argyle's Academy. He has since impressed throughout his academy journey to earn a 1st team appearance.

During this journey, Freddy has also featured for Cornwall Schools FA representative sides in recent years.



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Elite Coaching Hubs

Elite Coaching Hub - Penryn

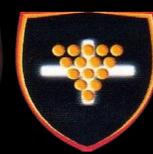


Plymouth Argyle Elite Coaching Hub - Penryn		
Contact		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paul Rowe paul.rowe@pafc.co.uk 		
Venue		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Penryn College, Kernick Road, Penryn, Cornwall, TR10 8PZ 		
Day	Age Group	Timings
Tuesday	U7/8s	6:00pm to 8:00pm
	U9/10s	
	U11/12s	
	U13/14s	

Elite Coaching Hubs are invitation only



Elite Coaching Hub - Bodmin



Plymouth Argyle Elite Coaching Hub - Bodmin		
Contact		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paul Rowe paul.rowe@pafc.co.uk 		
Venue		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Callywith College, Old Callywith Road, Bodmin, Cornwall, PL31 2GT 		
Day	Age Group	Timings
Friday	U7/8s	6:00pm to 8:00pm
	U9/10s	
	U11/12s	
	U13/14s	

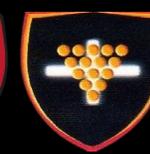
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Centre of Excellence

Centre of Excellence - Brannel



Plymouth Argyle Centre of Excellence – Brannel

Contact

- Dan Inch
- dan.inch@pafc.co.uk

Venue

- Brannel School, Rectory Road, St Stephen, Saint Austell PL26 7RN

Day	Age Group	Timings
Monday	U9s, U10s and U11s	5:30pm to 7:00pm
	U12s and U13s (including goalkeepers)	7:00pm to 8:30pm
	U14s (including goalkeepers)	8:00pm to 9:30pm
	U15 and U16 goalkeepers can also attend 7:00pm to 8:30pm	



Centre of Excellence - Newquay



Plymouth Argyle Centre of Excellence - Newquay		
Contact		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jamie Day jamie.day@pafc.co.uk 		
Venue		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Newquay Tretherras, Trevenson Road, Newquay TR7 3BH 		
Day	Age Group	Timings
Tuesday	U15s	6:00pm to 7:30pm
	U16s	7:30pm –to 9:00pm





Player Development Centres

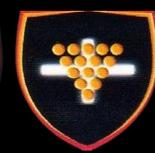
Penryn Football Development Centre



Penryn Football Development Centre		
Contact		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jake Ash jash@penryn-college.cornwall.sch.uk 		
Venue		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Penryn College, Kernick Road, Penryn, Cornwall, TR10 8PZ 		
Day	Age Group	Timings
Monday	U8s	4:30pm to 6:00pm
	U9s	
	U10s	
	U11s	



Mounts Bay Football Development Centre



Mounts Bay Football Development Centre

Contact

- Kevin Lawrence
- klawrence@mountsbay.org

Venue

- Mounts Bay Academy, Boscathnoe Lane, Heamoor, Penzance, Cornwall, TR18 3JT

Day	Age Group	Timings
Monday	U8s and U9s	5:00pm to 6:15pm
	U10s and U11s	5:10pm to 6:25pm
	U12s and U13s	6:30pm to 7:45pm
	U14s and U15s	7:45pm to 9:00pm
	Junior Goalkeepers (U8s – U11s)	6:00pm to 7:00pm
	Senior Goalkeepers (U12s – U16s)	7:00pm to 8:00pm



Player Development Centre - Pool



Plymouth Argyle Player Development Centre - Pool

Contact

- Liam Chinn
- liam.chinn@pafc.co.uk

Venue

- Pool Academy, Church Road, Pool, Redruth TR15 3PZ

Day	Age Group	Timings
Monday	U8s	5:30pm to 7:00pm
	U9s	
	U10s	
	U11s	
	U12s	
	U13s	
	U14s	



Player Development Centre - Bodmin



Plymouth Argyle Player Development Centre - Bodmin

Contact

- Matt Coates
- matt.coates@pafc.co.uk

Venue

- Bodmin Dragon Leisure Centre, Lostwithiel Road, Bodmin PL31 1DE

Day	Age Group	Timings
Tuesday	U6s and U7s	6:00pm to 7:00pm
	U8s and U9s	
	U10s and U11s	
	U12s and U13s	



Player Development Centre - Brannel



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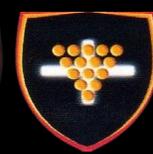
Venue

- Brannel School, Rectory Road, St Stephen, Saint Austell PL26 7RN

Day	Age Group	Timings
Tuesday	U8s	5:30pm to 7:00pm
	U9s	
	U10s	
	U11s	
	U12s	
	U13s	



Player Development Centre - Truro



Plymouth Argyle Player Development Centre - Truro

Contact

- Liam Chinn
- liam.chinn@pafc.co.uk

Venue

- Truro College, Threemilestone, Truro, TR1 3XX

Day	Age Group	Timings
Wednesday	U8s and U9s	5:00pm to 6:00pm
	U10s and U11s	
	U12 and U13s	



Plymouth Argyle Player Development Centre - Falmouth



Plymouth Argyle Player Development Centre - Falmouth		
Contact		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Liam Chinn liam.chinn@pafc.co.uk 		
Venue		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Falmouth School, Trescobeas Road, Falmouth, Cornwall, TR11 4LH 		
Day	Age Group	Timings
Thursday	U8s	5:30pm to 7:00pm
	U9s	
	U10s	
	U11s	
	U12s	
	Goalkeepers (U8s,U9s,U10s,U11s,U12s)	



Cornwall Elite Coaching Hubs

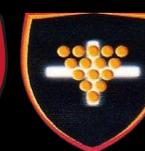


Tuesday	Friday
Penryn College, Kernick Road, Penryn, Cornwall, TR10 8PZ	Callywith College, Old Callywith Road, Bodmin, Cornwall, PL31 2GT
U7/8s U9/10s U11/12s U13/14s	U7/8s U9/10s U11/12s U13/14s
6:00pm to 8:00pm	6:00pm to 8:00pm
Paul Rowe paul.rowe@pafc.co.uk	Paul Rowe paul.rowe@pafc.co.uk

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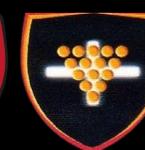
Cornwall Centre of Excellences



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<p>Penryn College, Kernick Road, Penryn, Cornwall, TR10 8PZ</p> <p>U8s U9s U10s U11s</p> <p>4:30pm to 6:00pm</p> <p>Jake Ash jash@penryn- college.cornwall.sch.uk</p>	<p>Mounts Bay Academy, Boscathnoe Lane, Heamoor, Penzance, Cornwall, TR18 3JT</p> <p>U8s and U9s 5pm to 6:15pm</p> <p>U10s and U11s 5:10pm to 6:25pm</p> <p>U12s and U13s 6:30pm to 7:45pm</p> <p>U14s and U15s 7:45pm to 9pm</p> <p>Junior Goalkeepers (U8s – U11s) 6:00pm to 7:00pm</p> <p>Senior Goalkeepers (U12s – U16s) 7:00pm to 8:00pm</p> <p>Kevin Lawrence klawrence@mountsbay. org</p>	<p>Pool Academy, Church Rd, Pool, Redruth TR15 3PZ</p> <p>U8s U9s U10s U11s U12s U13s U14s</p> <p>5:30pm to 7:00pm</p> <p>Liam Chinn liam.chinn@pafc.co.uk</p>	<p>Bodmin Dragon Leisure Centre, Lostwithiel Road, Bodmin PL31 1DE</p> <p>U6s and U7s U8s and U9s U10s and U11s U12s and U13s</p> <p>6:00pm to 7:00pm</p> <p>Matt Coates Matt.coates@pafc.co.uk</p>	<p>Brannel School, Rectory Road, St Stephen, Saint Austell PL26 7RN</p> <p>U8s U9s U10s U11s U12s U13s</p> <p>5:30pm to 7:00pm</p> <p>Liam Chinn liam.chinn@pafc.co.uk</p>	<p>Truro College, Threemilestone, Truro, TR1 3XX</p> <p>U8s and U9s U10s and U11s U12 and U13s</p> <p>5:00pm to 6:00pm</p> <p>Liam Chinn liam.chinn@pafc.co.uk</p>	<p>Falmouth School, Trescobeas Road, Falmouth, Cornwall, TR11 4LH</p> <p>U8s U9s U10s U11s U12s</p> <p>Goalkeepers (U8s, U9s, U10s, U11s, U12s)</p> <p>5:30pm to 7:00pm</p> <p>Liam Chinn liam.chinn@pafc.co.uk</p>



Plymouth Argyle Elite Coaching Hub
(Callywith College)



Plymouth Argyle Centre of Excellence
(Newquay Tretherras)



Plymouth Argyle Player Development Centre
(Truro College)



Plymouth Argyle Player Development Centre
(Pool Academy)



Plymouth Argyle Centre of Excellence
(Brannel School)



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Plymouth Argyle Elite Coaching Hub
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Penryn Football Development Centre
(Penryn College)



Plymouth Argyle Player Development
Centre (Falmouth School)



Mounts Bay Football
Development Centre
(Mounts Bay Academy)



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