



INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL PROGRAMME

A unique partnership
between **Lincoln Minster School**
and **Lincoln City FC**





A UNIQUE PARTNERSHIP

The International Football Programme gives talented young footballers the opportunity to benefit from the professional coaching of Lincoln City FC, whilst accessing the highest quality education in Years 10-13 at Lincoln Minster School.

“We encourage our pupils to test themselves and not to worry when they make a mistake, but to learn from it. This way they develop the skill set to face the challenges that lie ahead, and this guiding principle applies equally well in both the academic and sporting setting. The International Football Programme integrates completely with academic life, underpinned by the shared values between our School and Lincoln City FC.”

MARK WALLACE
HEADMASTER
LINCOLN MINSTER SCHOOL

“Across the entire club, we believe in developing the person and the footballer; our aim is that every young person in the International Football Programme fulfils their academic and football potential. We’re proud that, through this programme, Lincoln City FC can extend fantastic opportunities to talented individuals from all over the world.”

JEZ GEORGE
HEAD OF FOOTBALL
LINCOLN CITY FC

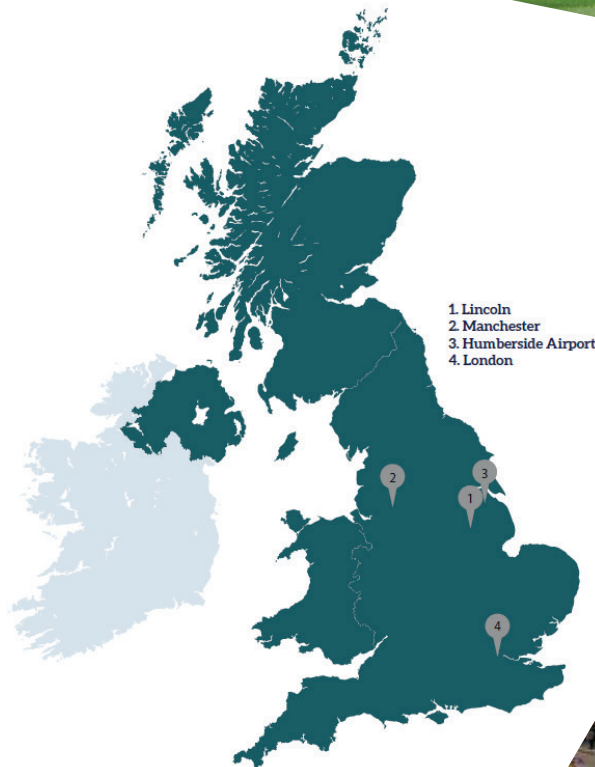




ABOUT LINCOLN

Lincoln is a small city located in eastern England, less than two hours' train ride from London, with a population of around 100,000. It was first settled over 2000 years ago and its long history means it has a number of beautiful historic buildings, including Lincoln Castle and Lincoln Cathedral.

Lincoln Minster School has a central but secluded location a few minutes' walk from the city centre, allowing easy access to shops, amenities and cultural sites. Lincoln City FC's stadium is also only a short walk from the School, and the training facilities for the International Football Programme are a short drive.



1. Lincoln
2. Manchester
3. Humberside Airport
4. London





LINCOLN MINSTER SCHOOL



A unique and enviable study experience

We cultivate a learning community where each pupil feels a sense of belonging and is motivated to make the most of every opportunity.

The exceptional quality of our pastoral care ensures that time in our Senior School and Sixth Form is spent productively, whilst being successful, fulfilling and enjoyable. With the commitment of our teachers and outstanding pastoral support, we meet the requirements of every one of our pupils, ensuring the sporting demands of the International Football Programme are carefully accommodated within each pupil's timetable.

Our Senior School site is made up of a number of buildings, both new and old. The purpose-built Prior Building opened in 2002 and boasts science labs, art studios, IT suites and our dedicated Sixth Form Centre. Our latest addition, the Harper Building, is dedicated to music and performance and includes an impressive Recital Hall, music practice rooms, a Drama Studio, as well as a modern, multi-use Sports Hall.





Opening up doors

A Level study is challenging but immensely rewarding. The expectation is that our pupils will become increasingly enterprising and emerge as skilled, knowledgeable and independent learners. We regularly achieve in the region of 90% of all pupils gaining entry into their first-choice university.

Preparation for the future

All Sixth Form pupils are entered for the highly regarded Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) where they independently choose a topic to research, write up and present. Frequently, pupils choose to focus on an area of personal interest that is directly relevant to, and helps demonstrate interest in, their Higher Education subject choice, as well as developing their specialist vocabulary and knowledge. Providing a curriculum that is rich in academic rigour, breadth and variety is essential. We offer an extensive choice of A Level courses as well as vocational options.

Sixth Form places are offered subject to satisfactory GCSE predictions and results. Additionally, pupils will be expected to meet the specific subject entry requirements for their A Level choices and international applicants for A Level entry must pass the School entrance examinations.



Boys in Years 10 to 13 board in Eastgate House, a grand Victorian building surrounded by leafy gardens and lawns, with close proximity to the historic Bailgate area and the modern Brayford quay. Boys enjoy access to two kitchens, in which to prepare snacks in the evenings and at weekends, and two spacious common rooms.

The Head of Boarding produces exciting induction and enrichment programmes to help boarders make friends, settle in to their new school and make the most of their stay in the boarding houses.



LINCOLN CITY FC

Lincoln City FC lifting the Checkatrade Trophy at Wembley

Lincoln City Football Club (LCFC), known as the Imps, play in English Football League One and have enjoyed significant recent success, including two promotions.

The Club has regularly progressed in Cup competitions and faced Premier League opposition, including an historic run to face Arsenal in the FA Cup Quarter Finals and two recent matches against Everton. The Imps also won their first ever national Cup competition in 2017-18, beating Shrewsbury at Wembley Stadium in front of 27,000 travelling fans. Home games at the LNER Stadium consistently attract capacity crowds of 10,000.



LCFC are dedicated to developing their own players by identifying talented local youngsters and helping them to reach their potential. This is achieved through a multi-level structure with players differentiated by age and ability. The most elite tier is the Academy, for players aged 8-18, who play exclusively for LCFC.

16-18 year olds in the Academy complete a full-time football and educational programme aimed at producing professional players, for which Lincoln Minster School provide boarding accommodation and academic support. These players recently faced Manchester United in the FA Youth Cup.

Below the Academy are several other programmes to ensure age- and ability-appropriate coaching for every player, which the International Football Programme fits into. LCFC employ a qualified staff of full-time and part-time coaches, physiotherapists, sports scientists, performance analysts and scouts, all overseen by experienced senior management.





PROGRAMME CONTENT

This programme is open to talented footballers who are overseas boarders in Years 10-13 at Lincoln Minster School. All pupils on this programme receive a bespoke training provision designed to suit their needs as a footballer, and the opportunity to play competitive football across various formats and competitions.

CORE COMPONENTS

- Professional football coaching (UEFA-qualified) with access to specialist goalkeeper coaching where appropriate
- High level sporting facilities used by LCFC's Academy players
- Bespoke workshops focusing on Psychology, Diet & Nutrition and Recovery Strategies & Sleep
- Access to LCFC medical and physiotherapy services
- Individual Strength & Conditioning plans and regular access to high quality gym facilities
- Individual development plans and performance reviews, including video analysis
- Access to the guest speakers of Lincoln Minster School's Sports Ambassadors programme





WEEKLY TRAINING SCHEDULE

YEARS 10 & 11

- 2 x 90-minute training sessions with LCFC Emerging Talent Programme
- 2 x 45-minute gym sessions with individualised programmes developed by LCFC's Academy staff

YEARS 12 & 13

- 2 x 90-minute training session with LCFC Shadow Scholarship Programme
- 2 x 45-minute gym sessions with individualised programmes developed by LCFC's Academy staff

FIXTURE PROGRAMME

(ALL YEARS)

- Represent Lincoln Minster School in local fixtures and national cup competitions
- Additional opportunities to represent relevant LCFC programmes in fixtures
- Option to register for a local grassroots club with matches on Sundays

ADDITIONAL BENEFITS

- LCFC Training Kit
- Opportunity to be a ballboy at LCFC home matches
- Opportunity to watch LCFC first team training and meet the professional players
- Tickets for LCFC home matches
- Career pathway meetings to help plan football and academic choices when pupils leave the International Football Programme, including support with applications for university sports scholarships



KEY STAFF: LINCOLN CITY FC



JEZ GEORGE
HEAD OF FOOTBALL

Jez has responsibility across LCFC's entire Football Operation, including the First Team and Academy. He joined the Imps in May 2018, having previously worked at Cambridge United for over 12 years, where he re-formed the Academy and held all of the key roles at various times: Head of Youth, First Team Manager, Director of Football and finally CEO. Jez brings this wealth of experience, especially in dealing with young players, to LCFC, where he has overseen huge changes in the Academy and leads this partnership with Lincoln Minster School.



JORDAN McCANN
ACADEMY MANAGER

After graduating from Loughborough University with a degree in Sport & Exercise Science, Jordan joined Luton Town FC, working with 12-16 years olds. Jordan was one of the first appointments nationally into the Head of Coaching role; a position created by the Premier League to improve coaching standards within all professional Academies. Jordan has overseen many young players from the start of their journey to First Team football and brings that knowledge and expertise to the Imps.



DAVID BRIDGES
ACADEMY HEAD OF
COACHING

As an FA-qualified Coach Educator and ex-professional footballer, David provides a unique insight into the development of young players. He passes on the benefits of a multitude of experiences to coaches and players across all age groups of LCFC's Academy. David works with all staff to develop their skillsets, is responsible for the coaching syllabus within the Academy and also oversees the coaching programme and delivery of the International Football Programme.



KEY STAFF: **LINCOLN MINSTER SCHOOL**



MARK WALLACE
HEADMASTER

Prior to joining Lincoln Minster Mark held senior leadership positions, including Deputy Head, Head of Boarding and Head of Sixth Form, in a number of high-performing schools. He originally taught Mathematics, Computer Science and PE. Mark has been an Independent Schools Inspector since 2016, focusing on Compliance and Education Quality, and currently sits on three University Advisory Boards. This diverse range of experiences informs the approach to education at Lincoln Minster School. Mark played international hockey for Ireland and continues to play at Masters level, and is therefore a strong advocate for the benefits of sporting participation for young people, which informs the philosophy underpinning the International Football Programme.



IAN MCGOWAN
ASSISTANT HEADTEACHER

Ian has been integral in the development of Lincoln Minster's sport performance programmes, including the International Football Programme, since his arrival in 2017. He held Head of PE positions in two previous schools and, since 2003, he has been an Advanced Skills Teacher in PE, specialising in whole school teaching and learning with behaviour management. In this role Ian has supported PE departments across Lincolnshire to improve their PE teaching and also delivered workshops at a regional and national level.



TOM EVES
HEAD OF PE AND GAMES

Tom has taught at Lincoln Minster for 15 years, delivering GCSE & A Level PE alongside coaching Football, Rugby, Cricket and Hockey with success at local, county and regional levels. To add depth to the School's extra-curricular provision, Tom has led trips to Tanzania, summiting Mt Meru (4,550m), and Nepal, playing the highest game of street hockey ever at 5,019m above sea level. Tom oversees the integration of pupils on the International Football Programme into the School's representative teams.



HOW TO JOIN...

Pupils interested in joining the International Football Programme need to demonstrate appropriate football ability, as well as meeting all of the normal requirements of an overseas boarder applying to join Lincoln Minster School.

We hold a number of International Assessment Days in various countries across the academic year. All pupils who attend these events are assessed by LCFC's professional coaches and receive a Player Assessment form. Pupils of the appropriate ability level are then invited to attend either the Easter Assessment Week or Summer Assessment Week in Lincoln.

These residential camps help prospective pupils to develop a better understanding of the opportunities and demands of the International Football Programme, and to familiarise themselves with Lincoln Minster School and the local area.

Offers to join the programme are given based on each pupil's performance during the Assessment Week.


FEES

The programme fees are set at £3,000 per year in addition to the standard fees for overseas boarders.

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about Lincoln Minster School please visit www.lincolnminsterschool.co.uk, or follow us:

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For more information about the International Football Programme please contact admissions@lincolnminsterschool.co.uk.

You are also welcome to join one of our video calls or Q&A sessions that are advertised on our social media channels and hosted across a range of online media.