



"Exeter City Football Club seeks to ensure the safeguarding, well-being and safety of all children, young people and adults at risk who engage in its activities."

Opportunity & Progression



ETHOS

ROLE OF THE PARENTS

As well as the commitment that the players have to show, there is also a large commitment needed from parents and guardians. Transporting players to and from training and matches is something that we as a club greatly appreciate.

We understand that it is not always possible to attend every training session for a number of reasons, however we want to provide every player with the best possible chance of becoming a professional football player and to achieve this we need to see the players as often as possible.

In addition, the following list outlines our 'must haves' for parents of Academy players:

- Collaboration
- Appreciation
- Respect
- Expectation

The Academy takes the responsibility of providing outstanding player care extremely seriously. The best interests of the player will always be put first and any concerns raised from within the football club will be addressed with the parent or carer as soon as is practicable.

Similarly, any causes for concern from a home or school-based perspective must be raised with the senior staff of the Academy, who will attend to matters in an understanding way.

Our ethos at Exeter City is to look after the best interests of every young player in our care and to strive to have as many of our young players as possible become professional football players.

Statistics show that on average approximately 5% of boys that enter an Academy will go on to make it as professionals. We do our utmost to look after the 95% of Academy boys that don't quite reach their dream, whilst striving to produce more than the 5% average.

In recent years at Exeter City, we have consistently achieved a much higher percentage of our Academy players earning a full professional contract.

We work as hard as possible to ensure that every player in the Academy enjoys their time with us, whilst developing into top quality football players and well-rounded young men.

Although playing for the Exeter City Academy requires a huge amount of commitment and dedication, we state from day one of signing that schoolwork must come first. This allows players to fulfill their potential both in their football and academic studies, which as a club we recognise to be vitally important.



Alex Byrne
Debut: 2016



"I joined the Academy as a nine-year-old and it was really enjoyable. We always trained at the club's Cliff Hill training ground, whereas most other clubs would play in local fields.

"The way you are taught to play is to be comfortable on the football and you are taught how to play in different positions all the way through.

"There is a good link between the Academy and the first team here at Exeter City and that is a big thing when you are coming through as a youngster because you want to see a way through to first team football. That is what you get at Exeter City. There are a lot of players that have come into the first team and then moved on and there are many young players that are being given a chance in the first team currently.

"There is no place that you would rather go in the South West because other clubs don't give youngsters that chance. If you are a parent you have got to look at the club where your child has the best chance to develop into a first-class footballer and has the possibility of first team football; there is no place like Exeter City for that."

JORDAN MOORE-TAYLOR



Former club-captain, Jordan Moore-Taylor, joined the club as a nine year old, progressing all the way through our Academy age groups before making the transition into the first team, culminating in him leading the team out at Wembley for the play-off final in May 2017.

Jordan's ability on and off the ball, mixed with his competitiveness and versatility in different positions, has led to him chalking up well over 100 appearances for the Grecians.

STAFF



JULIAN TAGG

CLUB PRESIDENT & DIRECTOR OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

“Conventional wisdom and Exeter City rarely match. Whether we talk of the club’s Trust ownership model, the standards the manager demands from players and staff on and off the field or about the resolution in our intention to develop well-rounded young men and intelligent, exceptional footballers in equal measure, our Academy’s ethos and approach is full of originality.

It is pleasing to convey that the aforementioned approach is producing some extremely, and increasingly, impressive results with a significant number of youth protégés currently playing first team football, whilst many others in recent history are furthering their careers in all the professional leagues including the Premier League. Rome was not built in a day and there is still much improvement to be made but it is inspiring to see a group of dedicated intelligent coaches that not only believe in the “Grecian Plan” but are propagating and developing it further.

It is with great pride that I endorse the Academy Performance Plan and will continue to be a willing and enthusiastic participant in its leadership and financial sustainability”

ACADEMY TALENT ID & RECRUITMENT

ALI MCGIVNEY

HEAD OF ACADEMY RECRUITMENT

Ali McGivney, joined the Club in January 2020. Based in Dorset, Ali has a wealth of youth recruitment knowledge within the South of England. He has a proven track record of identifying top talent, having previous experience as Head of Academy Recruitment, working at Premier League Category 1 and 3 Academies.

“My role provides the overall responsibility for both regional and national Academy recruitment from Pre-Academy through to U18’s at the Club. Everyone who works in this Recruitment Department at Exeter City FC Academy are like family, working very closely in one common goal, to identify and recruit the best players (as opposed to quantity) within the South West of England.

We have an excellent reputation of developing young players and a proven pathway, which is testament to everyone involved at this Football Club. It’s all about the player at Exeter City FC and when the Recruitment Department introduces a player to the Academy, I have the utmost confidence that my colleagues across all Departments will support the development process of each individual with a bespoke, player-centred approach.

We have a great support structure in place to give each player the best opportunity to fulfil their potential in playing for our 1st Team and beyond. There are high level multi-disciplinary personnel in key areas of the Academy, ranging from Coaching, Sport Science, Strength & Conditioning, Medical, Analysis, Talent ID, Education and Player Care, which is a key element of why past and present results are so positive.”



MATT TAYLOR MANAGER

“We’ve produced a number of good players over a number of seasons, it’s no coincidence or surprise to us. The coaches invest in both the player and the character and endeavour to make the player a better player but also the person a better person. That is a mantra across our Academy and through our coaching, not just at 1st Team level but all the way through the Club. We develop the players the best we can, aiming to make them 1st Team footballers first and foremost at our level but also players capable of playing at the highest level. The training routine and the schedule is hard work and challenging but it’s worthwhile because it provides invaluable interaction with coaches and teammates in a football environment where you’re always learning and always improving.”



ARRAN PUGH

ACADEMY OPERATIONS & PERFORMANCE MANAGER

“Exeter City FC is a true example of an Opportunity & Development Club. We are very fortunate that the Club believes so strongly in the merits of developing its own homegrown talent. Whilst the Academy’s continued success in developing professional football players for the 1st Team and beyond is something that we are extremely proud of, we strive to continue progress in all areas of player development. We never promise a player that signs here that they are going to be a professional football player, we are very honest at the start and manage expectations. What we will promise is that we will do everything we can to ensure players grow as a person, both on and off the pitch. We aim to instil characteristics within each young man that will support them to be successful in whatever they do in life.”





"It was enjoyable throughout my whole time in the Academy. An area the coaches try and help the players with is to make it enjoyable, they always try and make it fun.

"If I'd never had the help and guidance from a young age and been able to enjoy football, it might have put me off it. I always thought I wanted to be a footballer so to be in a football environment and enjoy it as a youngster made me want to keep playing football.

"Every coach works specifically with individuals on ways to improve their game and they look at the small details and if a player wants to say something to a coach or ask them a question, it's an environment where you feel as though you can ask a question.

"It was a smooth transition from the Academy to the first team, which was helped by all the coaches and players. Within the training ground as an Academy player you see a lot of the first team and you know their faces, but the first team players say 'hello' which makes you feel good.

"The environment is not one where you go home after training and think 'I didn't like that', you always go home feeling 'that was good, I improved as a player'. The coaches help the transition from Academy to first team, they always ask if you're well and it's only a little thing but it helps you.

"I would like to say thank you. Thank you to all the coaches for helping me as a player and even as a person. A big thing in the Academy is helping players become well-rounded young men in every player, within all aspects of life. So thank you for that and again thank you for all the help and guidance I've been given."

ETHAN AMPADU

Ethan joined our Academy at the age of 7 and progressed into the First Team at the age of just 15, becoming the Club's youngest ever player.

In the summer of 2017 Chelsea moved to take Ethan to Stamford Bridge. Later that year he made his Premier League debut under Antonio Conte's watch and finished the season with an FA Cup winners' medal.

Ethan made his Champions League debut in 2019 whilst on loan at RB Leipzig and started regularly in the Premier League for Sheffield United in his second loan spell. On the international stage Ethan has become a mainstay of the full Wales National Team and has already earned over 20 caps.



EDUCATION & PLAYER CARE

At Exeter City FC we emphasise the importance of education to each and every player. Whilst we want to produce excellent footballers with the ability to play top level and international football, we also aim to develop well-rounded young men.

An integral strand to the Academy programme is the Education Department, headed by Josh Cann.

Josh, a qualified teacher, liaises with teachers at the schools of our registered players to ensure that schoolwork is up to date, receiving a copy of the boys' school reports throughout each season.

On top of this, ongoing

guidance is available to those that may require it, in order to further support academic performance. Similarly, the full-time scholars aged between 16-18 participate in daily lessons and lectures at the club's training ground.

Although we endeavor to give all players maximum opportunity to progress with their football careers, the reality is that not every player will become a professional. Therefore, we see it as our duty to ensure that every person is prepared accordingly away from football.

Our partner school, St Luke's Church of England School, in Exeter, provides the opportunity for our secondary school aged Academy players to further develop their football with extra training sessions delivered at the school by ECFC Academy coaches. This is also available for our registered players who attend other schools in both the Foundation and Youth Development phases.

We have ensured that the programme does not negatively affect the boys' academic studies by providing additional individualised lessons to replace any time spent away from their ordinary school timetable.

On top of this, all Academy players, no matter where they go to school, are actively encouraged to participate in a variety of school sports and activities, as often as possible.

The club has also developed close links with our partner college; Exeter College. Not only do players aged 16 - 19 benefit from participating in the football performance squads coached by ECFC

Academy staff, but are also able to study one of the many post-16 courses available at the college.

Furthermore, a number of our Academy players who were unable to progress into professional football have enjoyed success whilst attending universities across the world. First and foremost the Academy has enjoyed good relations with Exeter University, which is continuously voted as one of the top universities for sport in the UK. On top of this a number of our former players have moved on to study at other universities around the UK and even as far afield as North America.



Toby Down
Debut: 2016





ECFC PLAYER PROGRESSION PATHWAY

At the Exeter City FC Academy we have a three-tier Player Progression Pathway.

At tier three in our pathway are our Advanced Development Centres. We have six of these across the South West. Players are encouraged to continue playing local club football whilst receiving advanced training through our programme.

At tier two in our pathway is our Exeter based Performance Centre. Players who consistently display hard work and good ability will earn the opportunity to move along the pathway to our Performance Centre when the coaches feel they are ready. Players are again encouraged to play club football whilst attending this programme.

At tier one in our pathway is our Academy. In the Academy players are registered to Exeter City. They train with us and play their games against other

professional clubs in the South West region.

We work hard to ensure that each and every player from our Academy through to our Advanced Development Centres enjoys their time with us, whilst hopefully developing into top quality football players and well-rounded young men.

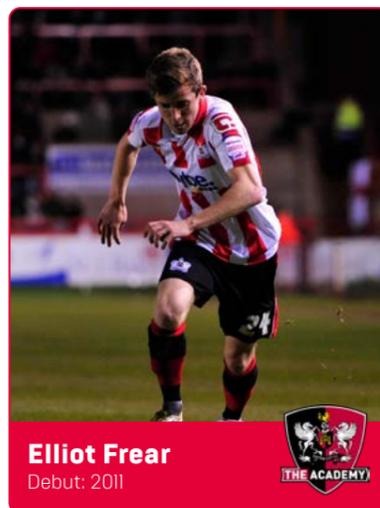
Our Advanced Development Centre programme is designed to cater for talented young football players from the age of 6 to 15. The Player Progression Pathway allows players to develop at their own speed and progress to the next tier if and when they are ready.

All of our Exeter City FC Advanced Development Centres train once a week, generally running parallel to school term dates. The location of the SIX Centres are listed below:

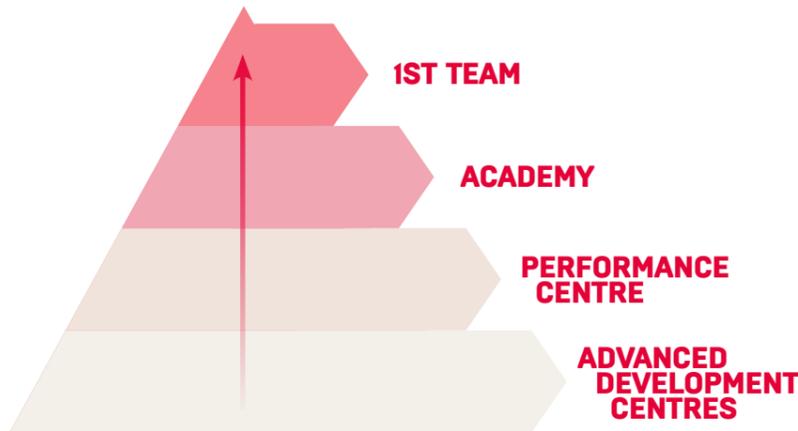
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Connor Riley-Lowe
Debut: 2014



Elliot Frear
Debut: 2011



"The training was always of a really high standard. Anywhere that I've been across the South West it was always the best coaching at Exeter City. The facilities were always good even back in the day, although they've improved since then.

"I was able to really enjoy my time there and went up through the age groups playing with a lot of good players and the coaches were always available on and off the pitch, which was a huge plus. Obviously Exeter has got that family club feel but it doesn't neglect the professional side of it as well.

"It never felt like it was an impossible task to break through, but at the same time it wasn't easy to get there. There was always the feeling that players had gone before you, such as Dean Moxey and Dan Seaborne, which showed it was achievable.

When you look at the history of the players who have come through the Academy it's remarkable for the size of the club and it's location more than anything.

"If you have the chance to go to Exeter City I'd say grab it with both hands.

"And of course you just need to look at the record of players who have come through to make their first team debuts and if you want to give yourself a good opportunity of playing first team football in the league, then I wouldn't look any further than Exeter City.

GEORGE FRIEND



Having attended our North Devon ADC, George progressed to become first an Academy player, and then a fully-fledged member of Paul Tisdale's first team that won promotion from the Conference back to the EFL.

A transfer to the Premier League beckoned for George with firstly Wolves and then Middlesbrough; the North-East side even appointed the left-back as captain for their top flight campaign during the 2016 – 2017 season.

A Staffordshire University graduate and recipient of the PFA Player in the Community Award for 2016, George fits the mould of the well-rounded young men we seek to channel at ECFC.



FACILITIES

We at Exeter City FC are in a fortunate position for a club of our size, in that we own our own training ground. The Cliff Hill training ground, based a short distance from both the A30 and M5, provides the perfect base for all teams from first team to under 9's.

Excellently maintained grass pitches are complimented by our cork-filled 3G pitch, the first of its kind nationwide, and this allows our players to develop their technical abilities on a Premier League standard surface. Alongside this,

medical, physiotherapy, rehabilitation and gym facilities are present at the training ground, with plans in place for further development.

Our partner school St. Luke's Church of England School possesses astro turf and grass pitches, as well as indoor facilities which allow the boys to participate in futsal as part of the training programme. The use of fully equipped classrooms are also readily available at each training session to be used for match and performance analysis feedback.

Finally, the club's stadium St James Park is located in the city centre of Exeter and is home to the first team for all league

and cup games. Many of our Academy graduates have made the transition from the Cliff Hill training ground, through to SJP to represent the first team. During FA Youth Cup games, the under 18's squad also use SJP as their home, getting to play in front of our loyal fans.

Planning permission has been granted for the redevelopment of SJP, which will allow the ground to be upgraded to Championship standard. All registered Academy players are also provided with stadium passes which can be exchanged for a ticket to first team home games throughout the season.



"I joined Exeter City Academy at the age of eight. I was playing outfield for my local team on a Saturday and in goal for Exeter City on a Sunday and then training a couple of nights a week after school.

"The coaches at the Academy are relaxed. They were not worried about the scores at a young age; it was about the development and progress of the players. When you got older it was still about developing but also winning the games.

"As a youngster in the Academy it was good to see so many players coming through the Academy and playing in the first team. Watching that at St James Park made you realise that you were at the right club.

"I think it is getting close to being one of the best club's in England for bringing through young players. There are not many clubs – even in the top flight – that are bringing through players that are ready for the first team.

"A lot of those youngsters sit on the bench or go out on loan but this club is leading the way in terms of players it promotes from the Academy into the first team. There are youngsters in the Academy now who are going to be future first team players for us."

CHRISTY PYM



Christy was handed his first professional contract at St James Park in April 2013, before making his debut for the Grecians in a 3-2 victory over Southend on February 15, 2014.

Later that year, Christy was called up to play for England under-20's in a friendly against Romania.

The Exeter-born shot stopper would receive a further two call ups, even gaining the opportunity to train with the full national side whilst at St George's Park.



"As you come up through the Academy you learn how to play possession-based football. It's not too much about the result, you're just working on improving individually and then when you step into the first team, then it's about learning how to win as a team.

"It's a great setup at Exeter City, one of the best setups around. I had good coaches that helped me and I feel as though they made my game better.

"It was good for me to come through the Academy because at Exeter you get given a chance as a young lad and then it's all about taking it.

"There are a lot of young players who have come through the Academy and moved on, such as Ethan Ampadu. I think Exeter City is probably the best place to be as a young lad."

OLLIE WATKINS



WHAT MAKES EXETER CITY FC SPECIAL?

Exeter City is a unique football club in that it is completely owned by the Supporters' Trust,

who work alongside the club board. In order to support this model the club invests heavily in the Academy through time, patience and hard work. In return, at this football club young players are afforded the opportunities to prove themselves at first team level.

Our First Team coaching staff, Matt Taylor (Manager), Wayne Carlisle (Assistant Manager) & Dan Green (First Team Coach) have all worked in

the Academy prior to stepping up to the senior team, with 9 Academy graduates having already made their debuts since they took charge in 2018. The First Team currently includes 14 Academy graduates, which equates to 45% of the squad.

Many of our Academy staff and coaches have been associated with the club as players, coaches, or support staff for many years and we believe that this level of continuity is paramount to the longterm development of our players.

Likewise, many of our players who have reached full time football either as under 18 scholars or fulltime professionals, joined the club as 8 year-olds.

WELL-ROUNDED YOUNG MEN

A continual theme throughout the Academy and club as a whole is to produce well-rounded young men. But how is this achieved?

Firstly, all registered Academy players work to a set of 'must haves'. These must be displayed at all times by our players, on and off the pitch. This provides the base for growth and improvement as individuals.

Whilst representing the ECFC Academy all registered players must wear black boots and train and play with their shirts tucked in. Whilst this may seem strict, we believe that it is important to look smart and professional, whilst players have to earn the right to wear coloured boots, should they wish to, once they reach the first team.

The Academy staff and coaches also adhere to a list of 'must haves', acting as positive role models for players of all ages. Ownership over large parts of the Academy programme is provided to the players and facilitated by the staff in order to encourage leadership and independent people who can think for themselves on and off the pitch.

It is essential that players' behaviour off the pitch matches what is expected on the pitch. This means that the simplest of actions, such as holding doors open for others, greeting people with a handshake, and displaying good manners and fair play, are integral to becoming an ECFC Academy player.

Education is a vital aspect of our mission as a club in order to produce well-rounded young men, and therefore each player receives the necessary assistance to fulfill their academic potential, at all times.

Having worked his way from the Academy, Ollie demonstrated patience and work ethic during his first season as a first team player, even scoring goals whilst on loan at non-league Weston-Super-Mare.

However, once the chance arose to be a regular fixture in The Grecians starting line-up, Ollie grabbed the opportunity.

His scoring and hard working exploits in League Two, including the play-off semi-final, earned Ollie the honour of EFL Young Player of the Year for the 2016 – 2017 season, following in the footsteps of Gareth Bale and Dele Ali. Ollie was sold to Brentford during the summer of 2017 and has since moved on again to Premier League, Aston Villa for £28 million in 2020, scoring a hat-trick against champions Liverpool FC in one of his first games for the Club.



James Hamon
Debut: 2014



Kyle Egan
Debut: 2016

GRECIANS-GONE-GLOBAL

In recent years the club have been fortunate enough to be represented on the international stage by a number of our Academy graduates.

Christy Pym and Matt Grimes both represented England under 20's, with Matt captaining the side before stepping up to the under 21's squad.

Ethan Ampadu played for England's under 15 and under 16 age groups, as well as turning out for Wales at under 16, under 17 and under 19 level. Another Welsh youth international is Max

Smallcombe, who has also represented Wales at under 16, 17 and 19's.

Furthermore, Max and Ethan were influential members of the Victory Shield winning Wales under 16's squad, in 2014.

Following his impressive displays in the Welsh youth teams, Ethan has gone on to become a mainstay in the Senior Team, already making over 20 caps for the Red Dragons and playing a key role in Wales successful qualification campaign for Euro 2020.

Jake Gosling is another former Academy player who was able to go on and play international football. Jake was called

up to play for Gibraltar and even took on World Champions Germany in a European Championships qualifier.

Jamie Reid, represented Northern Ireland at Under 21 level, whilst in the last 2 seasons Ben Chrisene has made multiple appearances for England U15 & U16 teams and Jay Stansfield earned his first cap for England U18 following his move to Fulham FC.

However as a club we are not done there. It is our intention to add to the players with international honours and so we are in regular contact with scouts and coaches of many countries in order to promote our players.



Ben Chrisene
England Under 15 & 16



Christy Pym
England Under 20



Ethan Ampadu
Wales



Jay Stansfield
England under 18



Matt Grimes
England Under 20 & 21



Max Smallcombe
Wales Under 16s, 17s, 18s



"I really enjoyed my time at the Academy. I was there from the age of nine and having lived in Exeter all my life it was the obvious choice for me. The coaching was first class and they treat you really well from a young age.

"When you get into the first team you know that if you work hard you'll get a chance.

"It speaks for itself in the fact that we've had so many Academy graduates, there's multiple names you could throw out there and this is why young players should pick Exeter City.

"I've always liked how it's such a family based club, everyone knows everyone. You're always in and around the first team training ground, you see the manager and coaching staff and they're approachable people, so I think it's just got a good feel to it.

"The coaching staff are second to none and you know that if you need anything you can always speak to your coach."

MATT GRIMES

Matt joined our Academy aged 9 and progressed through the age groups to become a first team player, making his debut in August 2013. His creative displays in midfield endeared Matt to the City faithful and lead to an international call up for England under 20's, alongside teammate Christy Pym.

In January of 2015, Matt became a Premier League player when he joined Swansea City. The midfielder went on to not only feature for the Swans during the remainder of the 2014 - 15 season, but was also voted into the PFA League Two Team of the Year.

Matt has since gone on to feature for England under 21's and was a member of the 2016 Toulon Tournament winning squad under Gareth Southgate.

Matt has won numerous player of the season awards during his time at Swansea City and is current Club Captain of the Championship side.





"My time at Exeter City was always fun and the training always felt as enjoyable as when I was having a kick about with my mates. As a player this is important as you have to enjoy what you do in order to improve.

The coaches are always there to help you as a person and player, and it is vital to take on board their advice.

I'd say to any young player to make the most of their opportunity with Exeter City's Academy and work hard. It's easy to forget that there are lots of people out there who will want to be in your position, just like you might want to be in someone else's position one day.

Work hard, be hungry and play every game like it's your last, as someone could be watching for the first time and you want to leave the best impression possible on them."

SEAN GOSS

TRAINING

All of our age groups, from under 9's through to under 16's, have the opportunity to train three times a week throughout a 42-week season, as well as further (optional) day-release training sessions.

Within the season coaching is player-centred and based around our '5-Pillars':

- Technical
- Tactical
- Psychological
- Social
- Physical

The coaches are educated to UEFA B and FA Youth Award standard as a minimum. Regular CPD is delivered throughout each season and a full time Head of Academy Coach Development is employed, in order to ensure that the

coaches are constantly improving.

Our training sessions are not solely spent on the training pitch, though. Each session includes age-appropriate strength and conditioning, delivered by our highly qualified s&c staff. Also incorporated into training is a weekly psychological theme, which is then facilitated through the coaching on the pitch, as well as by our sports psychology experts in our classrooms. Once again this is delivered in an age-appropriate manner.

On hand at every training session and game are our physiotherapists. The physios are a vital part of our Academy programme, preparing the players for injury prevention, as well as treating injuries and providing the necessary rehabilitation to get the player back on the pitch.

Working closely with the physios and s&c coaches, our sports scientists advise players and parents around

the topic of nutrition for high-level sport. Continual guidance is on hand for players and parents to ensure that each boy is aware of the types of foods and drinks beneficial to their footballing development. The Academy competes within the South West EFL Games Programme. The under 9's to under 14's play on Sundays, whilst the under 16's and under 18's will predominantly play on Saturdays.

Alongside this there are regular midweek friendly fixtures against local grassroots clubs and these are usually held on training nights at our training ground base. Game days are seen as an additional learning experience for all of our players and therefore our match analysts assist player learning by filming the games. From there, the analysts and coaches are then able to provide further feedback and examples to individuals and the team, in order to further enhance learning.



Sean joined our Academy as an under 9 and continued to develop until his impressive outings earned him the opportunity to sign for Manchester United as a 16-year old.

Under the management of Louis Van Gaal, Sean made his debut for the Red Devils in a friendly with French giants PSG and was then selected in United's squad for their Premier League fixture against Watford in 2015.

In January 2017, Sean joined Championship side Queens Park Rangers, also taking in a loan spell with Scottish giants, Glasgow Rangers.





"I signed at Exeter City when I was 11, 20 years ago. Julian Tagg was my under-13s manager and Eamonn Dolan brought me through into the first team. Eamonn played a big part all the way through my career. He brought me through what was then the Centre of Excellence and gave me my first professional contract.

"The Academy has made great strides since I was a part of it. It is what the club wants to do – bring through young players. Before Exeter sign anybody, they look to the youth team to see if they have got a player and that is what is good about this Club.

"I think as a youngster you are always going to get a chance here because the manager and the staff give young players a chance"

DEAN MOXEY



EXETER CITY COMMUNITY TRUST

CITY Community Trust works to deliver a variety of health and wellbeing activities across Devon and Somerset, with a focus on the Greater Exeter area.

As the football club's partner charity, we are proud to work with and support a wide range of people of all abilities and ages, from

just three years old to 83. Our activities range from our fun children's holiday clubs, running events, like the Exeter Marathon and the popular Santa Run - to mental health support groups and community wellbeing initiatives.

During 2020 we adapted our service to support our community through deliveries of food, medication and emergency food parcels. We also supported disadvantaged young people and their families through our 'holiday

hunger' campaigns. We deliver the NCS programme across Exeter, with hundreds of young people taking part and supporting local charities through social impact activity. We also work with local schools, through the Premier League Primary Stars programme and run the Futsal Academy at Exeter College.

To find out more about our activity, please visit our website at www.exetercct.org

After progressing through the ECFC Academy ranks, Dean made 176 appearances for the First Team, scoring 21 goals, and helped the club to win the Play-Off final at Wembley and secure promotion back to the EFL.

A move to Derby County saw Dean play 52 times for the Championship side before earning a transfer to Crystal Palace. Dean helped Palace gain promotion to the Premier League in 2012 / 2013 and made 90 appearances for the Eagles, 21 of them in the Premier League.

Dean moved on again to Bolton Wanderers, before returning to Exeter City for the start of the 2017/18 season.



EXETER CITY SUPPORTERS TRUST

Exeter City Supporters Trust is immensely proud to be the majority shareholder of Exeter City Football Club since 2003. No other Club has been Trust owned in the English Football League (EFL) for as long as us. Within the EFL, only AFC Wimbledon and Newport County share this model (as at Jan 2021).

We have approaching 4000 members that include Corporate and Junior Members as well as individual supporters across all areas of diversity and geographic location.

There are many reasons to join the Trust but above all is the fact that you will have a positive voice in how our club is run, with a say in major decisions that are covered in the Club/Trust Agreement. You can supplement this by standing for election onto the Trust Board.

There is no doubt that Trust ownership has helped give the club a stability that was lacking in the previous 100 years when so often financial crisis was the order of the day. Every additional member will help to bring added financial security and contribute to the community we reside in.

One of the first and best decisions made by the Trust was to support the continuation of our youth set up – under threat in the early 2000s. The Trust has helped sustain and nurture our Academy to the benefit of the Club. We are committed to the development of home-grown players who can play for the first team and progress in the game. The Academy recommends a player each year to become the Supporters' Trust Young Player of the Year, including the pictured Harry Kite, to whom a trophy is awarded at the End of Season Ball, many of whom have gone on to play in the 1st team. In recent times the Trust has sponsored the Academy through its STARS campaign and most recently, a

number of our corporate members have collectively sponsored the u14's.

The Trust currently donate £100k + to the club every year but we do not stop there. We are very conscious of our responsibilities within the community and each year sponsor the Exeter City Women's team and donate to our friends at Exeter Community Initiatives. We also support the Exeter City FC Museum Charitable Trust, dedicated to preserving our history and heritage and the product of our former History Group. We are also active members of the Football Supporters Association.

Through the Supporter Trust's One Game One Community Group we fly the flag for diversity and equality taking a series of initiatives each year to promote inclusion. Other issues addressed include racism, sexism, disability and age and we have recently put the spotlight on mental health and dementia.

The Supporters Trust is a volunteer led democratic organisation where all

members are equal and can be elected or co-opted onto the Trust Board and from there onto the Club Board. We hold regular open Forums and an Annual General Meeting.

If you are not a member of the Trust now is a good time to consider joining. Our Club is being reenergised both on and off the pitch and as a Trust member you can help in this process. To fellow Trust members, we ask you to reconsider the amount you give in Trust subs, and if you can afford it, increase it. Any increase given over the £2 minimum per month will be treated as a donation & will make a real difference. Thank you.

The minimum individual annual subscription is just £2 per month making Trust membership accessible to all. Corporate membership is £150pa. Junior Grecian membership costs £25, but there are reduced prices for season ticket holders and siblings.

For more information on Exeter City Supporters Trust go to: <http://www.weownexetercityfc.co.uk>

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"I joined when I was 11. It was a dream come true for me. The club had a fantastic youth setup even then and you could see all the players coming through which is the same now.

"Hard work was instilled into us and I've taken that with me to my other clubs. I learnt how to train properly and given that Exeter have always been a footballing team, I found ways to get on the ball and the coaches didn't mind if you made a mistake.

"It's just like a big family and everyone sticks together and helps out. The club is owned by the fans and there are loads of volunteers which makes it a great place to be.

"Everyone knows how much of a great youth setup it is and it speaks for itself with the amount of players that have come through the Academy."

**LIAM
SERCOMBE**

Not only did Liam progress through the Academy to become a first team regular at Exeter City, but he also made the step up from non-league football into the EFL with the Grecians, winning back-to-back promotions along the way.

Liam was a vital member of the team that finished eighth in League One, the club's joint-highest ever finish and only one point from the play-offs into the Championship.

Having made close to 250 club appearances, Liam moved on to achieve success with Oxford United, before joining Bristol Rovers in 2017.



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ACADEMY GRADUATES



Alex Hartridge

Age joined club: Under 9
 1st team debut: City 1-3 Chelsea U21
 Professional Appearances: 17
 Current Club: ECFC
 Highest Level Played: League Two



Jack Sparkes

Age joined club: Under 8
 1st team debut: Swindon 1-1 City
 Professional Appearances: 58
 Current Club: ECFC
 Highest Level Played: League Two



Lewis Wilson

Age joined club: Under 8
 1st team debut: City 4-0 West Brom
 Professional Appearances: 1
 Current Club: ECFC
 Highest Level Played: League Two



Check Diabate

Age joined club: Under 17
 1st team debut: City 4-0 West Brom
 Professional Appearances: 1
 Current Club: ECFC
 Highest Level Played: League Two



Nelson Iseguan

Age joined club: Under 13
 1st team debut: City 4-0 West Brom
 Professional Appearances: 1
 Current Club: ECFC
 Highest Level Played: League Two



Louis Morison

Age joined club: Under 8
 1st team debut: City 3-2 Forest Green
 Professional Appearances: 1
 Current Club: ECFC
 Highest Level Played: League Two



Josh Key

Age joined club: Under 15
 1st team debut: City 2-0 Bristol Rovers
 Professional Appearances: 24
 Current Club: ECFC
 Highest Level Played: League Two



Joel Randall

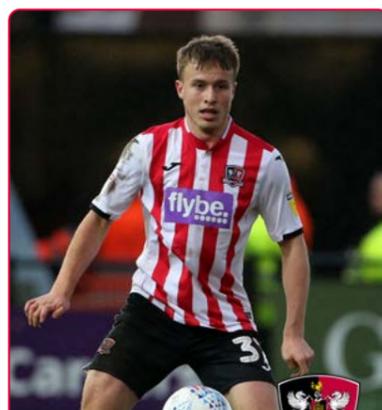
Age joined club: Under 11
 1st team debut: City 1-2 Chelsea U21
 Professional Appearances: 33
 Current Club: ECFC
 Highest Level Played: League Two





Archie Collins

Age joined club: Under 8
 1st team debut: City 1-3 Chelsea U21
 Professional Appearances: 100
 Current Club: ECFC
 Highest Level Played: League Two



Jordan Dyer

Age joined club: Under 11
 1st team debut: City 0-0 Oxford
 Professional Appearances: 6
 Current Club: ECFC
 Highest Level Played: League Two



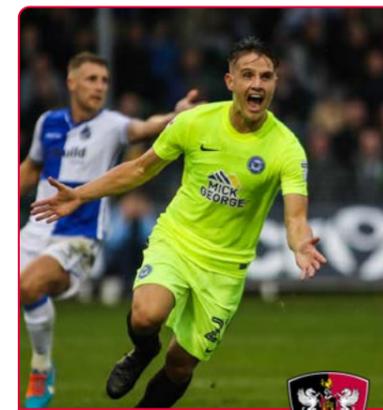
Harry Kite

Age joined club: Under 8
 1st team debut: City 1-3 Yeovil
 Professional Appearances: 10
 Current Club: ECFC
 Highest Level Played: League Two



Jordan Moore-Taylor

Age joined club: Under 8
 1st team debut: City 3-0 Burton Albion
 Professional Appearances: 239
 Current Club: Forest Green Rovers
 Highest Level Played: League One



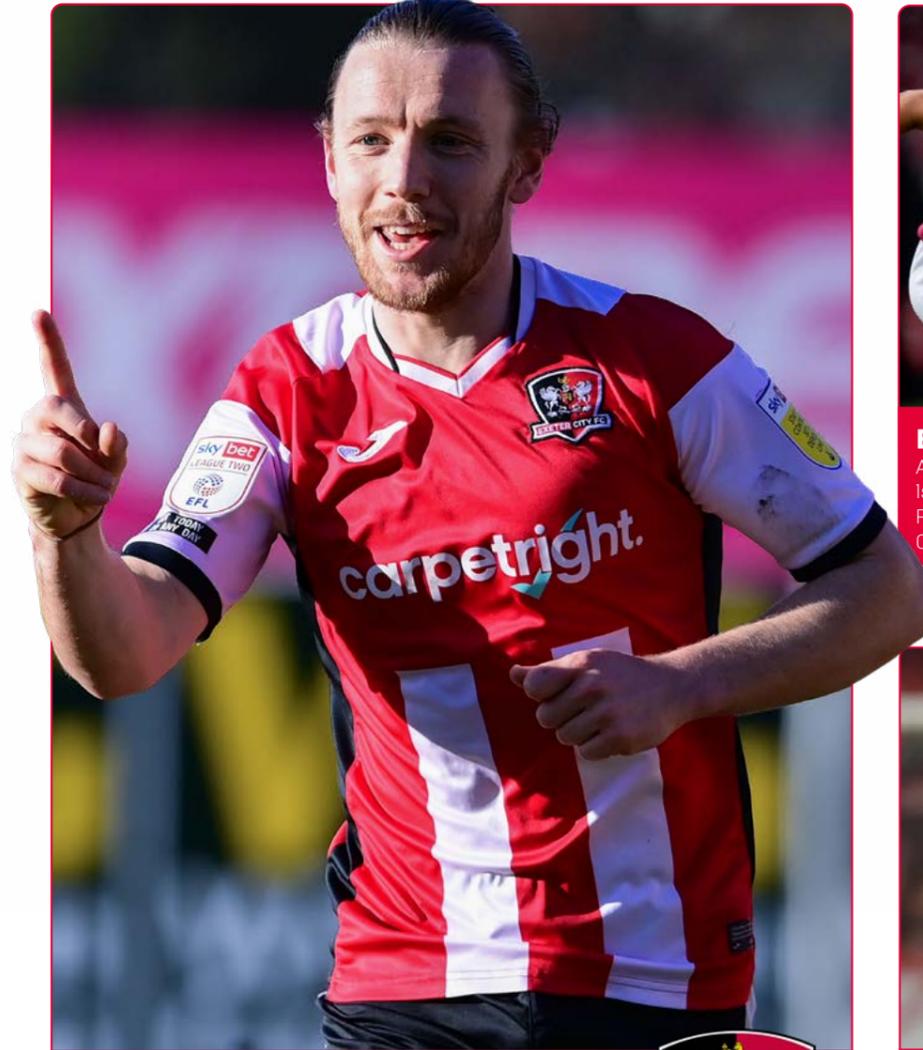
Tom Nichols

Age joined club: Under 9
 1st team debut: Sheffield Wed 1-2 City
 Professional Appearances: 306
 Current Club: Crawley Town
 Highest Level Played: League One



Cameron Hargreaves

Age joined club: Under 9
 1st team debut: Wycombe 1-5 Bristol R
 Professional Appearances: 23
 Current Club: Bristol Rovers
 Highest Level Played: League One



Matt Jay

Age joined club: Under 9
 1st team debut: City 0-2 Wycombe
 Professional Appearances: 102
 Current Club: ECFC
 Highest Level Played: League Two



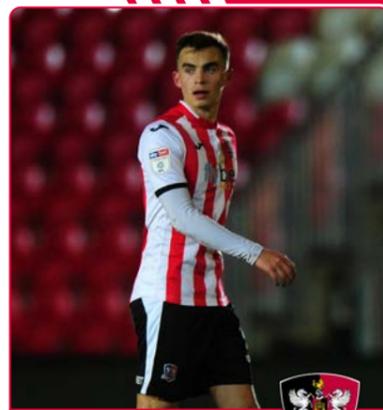
Ben Chrisene

Age joined club: Under 11
 1st team debut: Coventry 4-1 City
 Professional Appearances: 6
 Current Club: Aston Villa
 Highest Level Played: Premier League



Ben Seymour

Age joined club: Under 14
 1st team debut: Coventry 4-1 City
 Professional Appearances: 34
 Current Club: ECFC
 Highest Level Played: League Two



James Dodd

Age joined club: Under 8
 1st team debut: City 2-0 West Ham U21
 Professional Appearances: 1
 Current Club: ECFC
 Highest Level Played: League Two



Will Dean

Age joined club: Under 8
 1st team debut: City 1-3 Chelsea U21
 Professional Appearances: 12
 Current Club: ECFC
 Highest Level Played: League Two



Jay Stansfield

Age joined club: Under 8
 1st team debut: Fulham 2-1 Aston Villa
 Professional Appearances: 2
 Current Club: Fulham
 Highest Level Played: Premier League





Sean Goss

Age joined club: Under 8
1st team debut: Newcastle 2-2 QPR
Professional Appearances: 60
Current Club: Shrewsbury Town
Highest Level Played: Championship



Jordan Storey

Age joined club: Under 17
1st team debut: Oxford United 4-2 City
Professional Appearances: 77
Current Club: Preston North-End
Highest Level Played: Championship



Jamie Reid

Age joined club: Under 9
1st team debut: City 1-3 Oxford United
Professional Appearances: 170
Current Club: Mansfield Town
Highest Level Played: League Two



Ollie Watkins

Age joined club: Under 11
1st team debut: Hartlepool 0-2 City
Professional Appearances: 239
Current Club: Aston Villa
Highest Level Played: Premier League



Scot Bennett

Age joined club: Under 12
1st team debut: City 1-0 Swindon Town
Professional Appearances: 362
Current Club: Newport County
Highest Level Played: League Two



Christy Pym

Age joined club: Under 9
1st team debut: Southend 2-3 City
Professional Appearances: 229
Current Club: Peterborough
Highest Level Played: League One



Ethan Ampadu

Age joined club: Under 8
1st team debut: City 1-0 Brentford
Professional Appearances: 44
Current Club: Sheffield Utd (On Loan)
Highest Level Played: Premier League



Liam Sercombe

Age joined club: Under 11
1st team debut: Altrincham 1-4 City
Professional Appearances: 516
Current Club: Cheltenham Town
Highest Level Played: League One



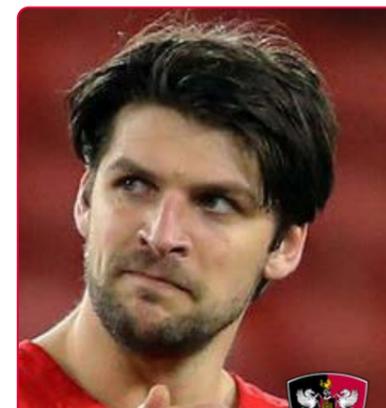
Matt Grimes

Age joined club: Under 9
1st team debut: City 2-0 AFC Wimbledon
Professional Appearances: 250
Current Club: Swansea City
Highest Level Played: Premier League



Dan Seaborne

Age joined club: Under 12
1st team debut: City 3-1 Dagenham & R
Professional Appearances: 247
Current Club: Retired
Highest Level Played: Championship



George Friend

Age joined club: Under 12
1st team debut: FGR 0-0 City
Professional Appearances: 454
Current Club: Birmingham City
Highest Level Played: Premier League



Dean Moxey

Age joined club: Under 10
1st team debut: Accrington S 1-2 City
Professional Appearances: 482
Current Club: Torquay United
Highest Level Played: Premier League



BECOME AN ACADEMY SPONSOR



We are delighted to offer a range of options to sponsor the ECFC Academy. Perhaps more intimate than engaging with the First Team, Academy sponsorship allows a closer association to the beating heart of the Club. With season long options starting from as little as £300, ranging up to naming rights on the whole Cliff Hill Training Ground site, we have the package to suit both individual and businesses alike.

In addition to supporting one of the nations most successful academies, you will receive strong recognition via our social media channels along with access to exclusive advertising rights at the Cliff Hill Training Ground. The credentials of Exeter City FC Academy speak for themselves and, for the right business partners, there is also a very strong CSR message that will certainly help both external and internal marketing.

"With the amount of effort all those involved with the Academy put in, as a business we are proud to support them all. Behind the scenes the ethos and values of the Academy show through, not only on the pitch, but also in each player off the pitch. The Commercial Team are fantastic in keeping us updated with the teams results and have done a great job promoting the support we give".

Anthony Thomas

Director Hunters Estate Agency and current U18 sponsor

Supporting the community has never been more important in the current environment and the commercial team at the Club would be delighted to discuss options on an individual basis.

For more details on availability contact our commercial manager Matt Kimberley on:

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