



Dover Athletic Academy in partnership with The Abbey School



Dear Player

I am pleased to invite you to Dover Athletic Football Academy's initial trials for the 2024-25 intake. As you are most probably aware, the Academy gives our students the opportunity to represent Dover Athletic FC in the National Youth league, the highest level outside of professional status.

The Academy players train everyday like professionals, improving their knowledge of the game and allowing a seamless progression into senior football. The players also study a wide range of courses in our Sixth Form tailored to suit their academic needs and career aspirations.

The Academy has been highly successful over the past couple of years resulting in players being given professional contracts by Dover Athletic. In the current 2023-24 season we have had two players make their National League debuts and receive First Team playing contracts. We have also recently had another England Schools International Player in our Academy which made him the third player to represent his country from our Academy. Our list of successful players receiving scholarships in America has continued to grow each year.

Our Academy is suitable for you if you are passionate about progressing as a footballer whilst wanting to maintain a high level of academic success.

What do you need to know?

- **Taking place on Tuesday 13th February (during half term).**
- **Registration at 10.30am for an 11.00am start.**
- **Finish approximately 2.00pm.**
- **Bring full training kit including shin pads.**
- **It will be outside on our 3G pitch (suitable for football boots).**
- **Trials will consist of a variety of matches.**
- **There will be shower and changing room facilities available for you to use.**
- **Trials will be held at The Abbey School, London Road, Faversham, ME13 8RZ.**
- **Parents/Carers are welcome to stay and watch.**



Following the trial, you will receive a letter in the post informing you of the outcome. If you are successful but cannot make the first alternative trial date, then alternative arrangements can be made to accommodate this situation.

As this opportunity is in partnership with The Abbey School, if successful you would be expected to study at The Abbey School Sixth Form.

To confirm your attendance at the trial you must return the slip below to Mr M Sandmann, The Abbey School, London Road, Faversham, ME13 8RZ.

To: Mr Sandmann

I am pleased to confirm that _____ will be attending the trials.

Date of birth: _____

Age: _____

Contact Number: _____

Parent/Carer name: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

Playing Clubs: _____

Preferred position: _____

School: _____

Yours sincerely

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