

SFA Performance Football

Scottish FA Performance School - St John's RC High School

The programme is open to **boys and girls** who are currently in our P7 cohort of primary schools, who have shown talent in football and would benefit from an individualised programme. The programme is based at St John's RC High School and will require the pupils to complete a placing request to attend the school if they are selected for the programme. This means that parents/carers are responsible for transporting the successful candidates to St John's RC High School. The council will not be funding travel costs, however, the Scottish FA may make a contribution to travel costs in individual circumstances. The pupils' timetables will be altered to allow them to follow the programme during curriculum time.

The aim is to bring together the best young footballers from the area into a four year training and support programme designed by the Scottish Football Association and high quality specialist Performance Youth coaches (full time employees of the Scottish FA) and additional experts in fitness training and physical conditioning will deliver the programme to the players who are selected to join the programme. The Performance Manager and the Head Teacher at St John's RC High School will have overall responsibility for the direction and organisation of the Performance School and will ensure pupils achieve the right balance between sport and academic life.

We will be holding trials for the first and second stage of selection at the DISC in Dundee. The first trial will be held on Friday 21st February 2014 from 5.30-7.00 pm this is for Recreational Player only and the second trial on Friday 7th March 2014 from 5.30-7.00 pm will consist of players who were successful in trial one and players from the Pro Clubs. For those who are selected after the trials, there will be a meeting and interviews for parents/carers and players on Tuesday 18th March 2014 at the school. Only after the parents' meeting will a final decision be made on the successful pupils. Iain Jenkins will deliver a presentation to successful players and their parents/carers on Tuesday 25th March 2014 at 7.00 pm in St John's RC High School.

This is a significant commitment from all parties, including the families and the young people who are successful at the end of the selection process, please note this programme is designed for elite young football players. If you would like to find out more information about the programme and be considered for selection please access the link <http://www.scottishfa.co.uk/performance>. The closing dates for applications are Wednesday 22nd January 2014 for Recreational Players and Friday 5th February 2014 for Pro Professional Players.

