

THE INTERNATIONAL BASKETBALL ACADEMY UNIVERSITY

PROGRAMMES



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WELCOME

Offering both Bachelors and Masters degrees in partnership with the two outstanding universities in the North and South of England, UK

We are proud to introduce our **International Basketball Academy University Programmes**, created in partnership with two leading universities that share our passion for sport, academic excellence, and dual career pathways. This unique collaboration offers student-athletes from around the world the chance to earn a globally recognised degree while pursuing their basketball ambitions in a truly professional and inspiring environment.

At the IBA, you'll experience the best of both worlds: top-class education alongside life as a full-time basketball player. With elite coaching, professional facilities, and a holistic programme designed to fuel your passion. The IBA University Programmes set the standard for excellence on and off the court; empowering you to achieve your goals, broaden your horizons, and unlock your full potential.



TRAIN WITH PURPOSE PLAY WITH PASSION OWN YOUR FUTURE

- **COACHES WHO HAVE PLAYED OR COACHED FOR THEIR COUNTRY**
- **WORLD CLASS FACILITIES**
- **ON COURT EVERY DAY**
- **ONE TO ONE INDIVIDUAL SESSIONS**
- **POSITION SPECIFIC GROUP SESSIONS**
- **TEAM PRACTICE SESSIONS**
- **STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING**
- **LIVE STREAMED MATCHES**
- **MATCH AND PLAYER ANALYSIS**
- **WEEKLY COMPETITIVE GAMES**
- **INDIVIDUAL LEARNING PLANS - PLAYER REVIEWS**
- **EUROPEAN TOUR**
- **COMPETITIVE LEAGUES**
- **LINKS TO PROFESSIONAL AND SEMI PROFESSIONAL CLUBS IN EUROPE**

MEET THE TEAM



Chris Buntен – Director of IBA

Chris has been a leading figure in British basketball since 2007, with a career spanning junior, university, professional, and international levels. Known for his ability to develop talent and build winning teams, he has guided athletes to success both on and off the court.

Career Highlights:

- **Junior & University Success:** Led Junior National League teams to multiple Final Four appearances and guided **Northumbria University** to **two national championships**, establishing one of the UK's strongest university programmes
- **Professional Coaching:** As Head Coach of the **Newcastle Eagles (WBBL)**, Chris led the team to its **first-ever national championship title** at the **O2 Arena** and their **highest league finish as 2015–16 runners-up**
- **International Experience:** Served as a **strength and conditioning coach** for **England's U14 & U15** men's teams, later becoming assistant coach for the **Great Britain U18 & U20** women's squads at multiple **European Championships**
- **Commonwealth Games Achievement:** Part of the **England Women's National Team** coaching staff that won the **silver medal** at the **2018 Commonwealth Games** in **Australia**

With over a decade in high-performance environments, Chris brings a deep understanding of what it takes to excel as a student-athlete. His vision for the International Basketball Academy is to blend elite basketball training with academic excellence, empowering players to build successful careers in sport and beyond.



MEET THE TEAM



Will Neighbour – Lead Coach North

Will brings extensive international playing and coaching experience to the International Basketball Academy, where he is dedicated to developing the next generation of athletes both on and off the court. With over 20 years in the game, his journey has taken him from UK grassroots basketball to competing and coaching at elite levels around the world.

Career Highlights:

- **College & Education:** NCAA Division I athlete at the **University of Arkansas** at Little Rock, earning a degree in **Criminal Justice**
- **International Representation:** Played for **Great Britain U20** and **Senior Men's National Teams**, showcasing his talent on the **global stage**
- **Professional Career:** Spent a decade **playing professionally** across **Spain, Sweden, Australia, New Zealand, Hungary, and England**, gaining a deep understanding of diverse basketball **cultures** and **systems**
- **Coaching Experience:** Head Coach roles at the **University of East London, Newcastle College**, and **Newcastle University**, mentoring **student-athletes** to excel in both **academics** and **sport**

Will's coaching philosophy centres on growth, discipline, and balance helping players reach their athletic potential while developing the mindset and character to succeed in life beyond basketball. At IBA, he combines his international experience and passion for mentorship to create a world-class environment that empowers athletes to dream big, work hard, and achieve excellence.



MEET THE TEAM



Jay Marriott – Head Coach South

Jay brings a wealth of global basketball experience to the International Basketball Academy, having excelled as a professional player, coach, and ambassador for the sport. With over two decades in basketball, Jay's journey spans continents, roles, and achievement each shaping his dynamic approach to player and programme development.

Career Highlights:

- **Playing Career:** Successful college basketball career in **California**, followed by **10 years** as a **professional player** across **Europe** and **Asia**, earning a reputation for leadership, adaptability, and performance at the **highest level**
- **Coaching Experience:** Over **14 years** of coaching across the **UK, USA (Utah)**, and the **Middle East**, working within **professional clubs, high schools** and **colleges**, developing athletes and building **winning programmes**
- **Founder:** Established the **Gloucester City Kings**, a UK-based club focused on providing **pathways** and **opportunities** for **aspiring players**
- **Media & Mentorship:** Regular **commentator** and **podcast host** for the UK's top **professional basketball league**, using his platform to promote and grow the game **nationwide**

Jay's passion for player development, leadership, and education drives his mission to elevate the next generation of talent. At IBA, he leverages his international experience and deep understanding of the sport to create a high-performance environment where athletes can thrive on the court, in the classroom, and beyond.



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Elvisi Dusha – Lead Coach South

Elvisi brings over a decade of elite playing and coaching experience to the International Basketball Academy, combining his on-court excellence with a deep passion for player development. A respected leader and Albanian International, Elvisi's career reflects his unwavering dedication to basketball and his ability to inspire the next generation of athletes.

Career Highlights:

- **Professional Career:** Over **13 years** as a **professional player**, representing clubs across the **UK** and the **Albanian National Team** with distinction.
- **British Basketball League Legacy:** Ranked among the **top five all-time assist** leaders in the **BBL**, showcasing his **exceptional playmaking, vision** and **leadership**
- **Coaching & Development:** Transitioned seamlessly into **coaching**, working with top **UK universities** and bringing **professional-level** expertise to **student-athletes**
- **Founder of V12 Elite:** Established a **player development** company focused on advancing **individual skills, performance** and **mindset**
- **Future Stars Head Coach:** Leads one of the **UK's most prestigious youth programmes**, mentoring **rising talent** through a **high-performance** and **holistic approach**

Elvisi's unique combination of professional experience, international perspective, and passion for development makes him a key figure within the IBA coaching team. His leadership both on and off the court continues to shape athletes into confident, disciplined, and ambitious individuals ready to excel at the next level.



OUR MISSION & VISION FOR IBA



Vision Statement

Our vision is to be the leading international basketball academy that champions a dual-career pathway for student-athletes.

Mission Statement

Our mission is to empower student-athletes to excel both academically and athletically by providing a professional environment where they can pursue top-degree classifications while advancing their basketball skills.

WHY CHOOSE THE IBA IN ENGLAND



World-Class Coaching

Our staff bring over 60 years of combined playing and coaching experience at the professional and international level across six continents



No NCAA Restrictions

No restrictions on playing or coaching, maximising your development



Accelerated Degrees

Earn an internationally recognised undergraduate degree in just 3 years (vs. the typical 4) or complete a Master's in 1 year (vs. the typical 2)



Academic Flexibility

Choose from a wide range of undergraduate and postgraduate degrees while competing in our full-time basketball programme



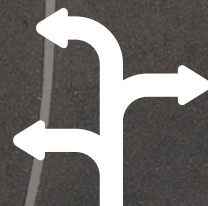
Elite Competition

Play over 25 games per season against top university, academy, and professional-level opposition



European Tour

Travel annually to a major European city to compete against academies, semi-professional and professional teams, gaining exposure to scouts, coaches, and clubs



Unrivalled Pathways

Benefit from easy access to major European basketball markets, cities, and professional opportunities



Holistic Development

Graduate as a stronger player, a more complete person, and with endless opportunities to pursue your basketball and career ambitions



Financial Aid

Utilise your US Financial Aid in our partnered Universities



Sporting Facilities

4x basketball courts, 3,000 seat capacity arena, swimming pool, sauna & steam room for recovery, strength and conditioning suite for all IBA athletes



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EXAMPLE SCHEDULE



DAY	Morning 7-8.30am	Morning 9am-12pm	Afternoon 12-6pm	Evening 6-8.30pm
Monday	One to ones	University	University & one to ones	Team Practice & Strength and Conditioning
Tuesday	One to ones	University	University & one to ones	Team practice & PA
Wednesday	Shooting & PA	Gym Physical Activation	BUCS Game Day	
Thursday	One to ones	University	University & one to ones	Team Practice, PA & Strength & Conditioning
Friday	Team Practice	University	University & one to ones	Free Time
Saturday	Free Time		Showcase Fixutres	
Sunday	Free Time		Free Time	Free Time



THE COSTS

ATHLETIC FEE

£12,000

TUITION FEE

£15,000

ACCOMMODATION

£6,800



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