

Supporting academic achievement for sports academy athletes

Aim:

At Hartpury, we firmly believe you can achieve academically whilst performing within our sports academies. The aim of this policy is to ensure that all sports academy athletes achieve their academic potential. In order to achieve this all student athletes are required to meet all significant academic deadlines; for instance coursework, assignments and examinations.

These deadlines will be communicated to all students in a timely manner to ensure that all student athletes have the appropriate time to complete such academic deadlines. All deadlines should also be communicated in advance to the academy coaches. Where students are nearing deadlines with no sign of appropriate work they can be stood down from training sessions by agreement between academic and academy staff.

Where academy coaches, through their close contact with students, become aware of issues which may impact on academic performance they must inform the academic tutor.

If these academic deadlines are not met the student athletes' sporting provision for the following week will be reviewed after discussion with the academic staff member and sports academy manager / coach.

This communication will be initiated by the academic member of staff as soon as possible with the relevant personnel.

This review could result in:

- Missing competitive fixture(s)
- Missing training
- Missing enrichment
- Missing external representative team training for specific sport
- No case to answer based on extenuating circumstances
- Not able to attend a sports academy tour

* Further review necessary for injured athletes

Sports Academy Tours

In order for students to attend sports academy tours, the following stipulations will be enforced, to ensure there is minimal impact on their academic studies.

- 1) Present attendance (actually in class) is above 90% for the entire year and 97% actual attendance (includes present attendance and authorised absence).
- 2) Ensure students are not on a final written warning either from an academic or non-academic perspective.
- 3) Students must make the appropriate effort to contact subject lecturers for the upcoming missed lecture content / homework / assessments before departing for tour.
- 4) Ensure all aspects of the Hartpury College Certificate are up to date: i.e. work experience, complimentary studies, progress in maths and English, UCAS application etc.

A-level Students must also:

- Achieve their minimum target grade for their most recent assessments/examinations. (2nd year students only). 1st year students need to be no more than 2 below their minimum target grade for each assessment/examination.

BTEC Students must also:

- Be currently tracking at their overall BTEC target grade.
- Be completely up to date / no outstanding assessments two weeks before departing for the tour.

* N/B THE COLLEGE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REVIEW; THIS WILL INCLUDE REVIEWING THE PERFORMANCE OF THE STUDENT OVER THEIR ENTIRE STUDY PROGRAMME.

This policy has been distributed to all academic staff, sports academy managers / coaches and student athletes. It will be implemented to ensure that as an organisation we develop all students both academically and from a sporting perspective.