

Interested in becoming a Professional Basketball Player?

Then the Advanced Apprenticeship in Sporting Excellence (AASE) could be for you!

AASE is a two year programme that combines quality basketball training and competition alongside academic studies. AASE is specifically designed to meet the needs of young players who have a realistic opportunity of playing basketball at the highest level.

WHAT DOES AASE INVOLVE?

The AASE framework consists of:

- Level 3 NVQ Diploma Achieving Excellence in Sports Performance.
- Technical Certificate – A/Levels, BTEC's etc.
- Functional Skills in communication & application of number – This section isn't applicable if GCSE's are achieved in Maths and English.
- England Basketball Level 2 Coaching Award

WHY SHOULD I CHOOSE TO ATTEND AN AASE INSTITUTION?

- You will be coached by specially selected coaches who are amongst the best in the country at developing elite players.
- AASE institutions deliver over ten hours on-court coaching each week including both individual and group sessions.
- You will undertake Strength & Conditioning sessions designed to enhance elite basketball specific performance.
- The AASE programme is an integral part of the Great Britain Basketball Player Performance Pathway.
- The AASE programme can open up exit routes to universities, BBL/EBL Division 1 clubs and to European and American development programmes.

WHERE ARE THE AASE INSTITUTIONS LOCATED?

There are currently 19 Institutions delivering the AASE programme, they are:

- Tyne Met College/Newcastle Eagles
- Burleigh Community College/Leicester Riders
- Worcester Sixth Form College/Worcester Wolves
- Richard Huish College/Taunton Tigers
- The Henley College/Reading Rockets
- Barking Abbey School
- Hackney Community College
- SEEVIC/Essex Pirates
- Canterbury High School
- Oaklands College
- Noel Baker School/Derby Trailblazers
- Filton College/Bristol Academy Flyers
- Moulton College
- Warrington Collegiate/Cheshire Jets
- Birmingham Met College
- Telford College/Shropshire Warriors
- Harefield Academy/London United
- Bradford College/Sheffield Sharks
- Copleston School/Ipswich Basketball Academy

HOW DO I GET A PLACE ON THE AASE PROGRAMME?

If you feel you meet the eligibility requirements and would like to be considered for the AASE programme or require additional information please email **Charlie.Ford@Englandbasketball.co.uk** and you will be put in contact with an AASE institution in your area.

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS OF THE AASE PROGRAMME?

The AASE programme is open to male and female players that will be aged either 16 or 17 in September 2011, ideally with experience of playing at regional or national team level. All AASE students are approved to the programme by England Basketball in conjunction with British Basketball.

