LPA SHADOW SQUAD INFO PACK 26/27 SEASON



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A MESSAGE FROM OUR DIRECTOR

Dear Player and Parent,

Congratulations on being selected for the LPA Shadow Squad 2026/27. This reflects your talent, attitude, and potential — and it's just the beginning.

At LPA, we're here to help you become the best version of yourself, on and off the pitch. The Shadow Squad programme will challenge you, inspire you, and take your game to the next level.

Talent alone doesn't define success. Effort, consistency, and a willingness to grow will set you apart. We expect you to show up ready to push boundaries, learn, and improve.

You'll be supported by coaches who care, teammates who share your drive, and opportunities that will shape your future in the game. From weekly sessions to competetive games and international tournaments, this year is about raising standards and setting new goals.

This journey is about more than football. It's about learning to compete, to lead, and to carry yourself with confidence.

We're proud to have you with us. Let's get to work.

Yours in football,
Del Tobias
Director, Learn Play Achieve Academy

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ABOUT THE LPA SHADOW SQUAD PROGRAMME

NEW for the 26/27 season, the LPA Shadow Squad Programme is for players ready to go beyond the ordinary, unlocking their potential and taking their game to the next level. Designed to mimic the Elite programme, helping provide further development for players identified with Elite potential.

At its heart is personalised, technical training, recognising that no two players are the same. Each Shadow Squad player receives targeted support, whether refining technique, building tactical awareness, or developing physical and mental resilience.



Our training focuses on:

- **Technical Mastery & Creativity**
- **Tactical Intelligence**
- **Physical & Mental Resilience**
- **Team Identity & Community**

We believe development is a journey, not a race. Our job is to provide an elite environment where players feel seen, supported, and challenged to become the best version of themselves.

From local fixtures and international tournaments to performance analysis and nutrition support, the LPA Shadow Squad Programme is designed to help players take the next step in their Football journey!

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EXPERIENCES & EVENTS

(TRIPS, TOURNAMENTS & TOURS)

As part of the LPA Shadow Squad experience, players will have the chance to join Elite Squad players in high-level domestic and international tournaments and tours. Each year, we carefully seek out the best opportunities to challenge and inspire our players, with past seasons creating unforgettable memories across Europe. These trips are more than football—they are moments of growth, adventure, and lifelong friendships. Our full Tours & Tournaments Programme for 2026/27 will be announced late 2026 and could include -

Gothia Cup July 2027 (Sweden)



The world's largest youth football tournament, bringing together 1,700 teams from 80+ nations for a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

Madrid Youth Cup 2027



One of the world's top youth tournaments, bringing together teams from 50+ countries and offering a unique chance to compete against top academies while experiencing global football culture.

LPA's Academy Cup May 2027



Our flagship tournament, bringing elite grassroots and academy teams together for a competitive weekend of football on a Football League Pitch!

FC Malaga City Tour 2027



This exciting tour combines intensive training, match play, and cultural exploration. A great opportunity for LPA players to experience Spanish football, lifestyle, and team bonding.

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EXPERIENCES & EVENTS

TRAIN LIKE A PRO CAMP & SUMMER 2027 TRAINING (PRE-SEASON)

Summer 2027 will see our Shadow Squad players provided with weekly 'Top Up' sessions to help set them up right for the season ahead. Use the QR code on the right of this page to register your attendance.

The highlight of the summer holidays will undoubtedly be our 'Train Like A Pro Camp', designed to bring elements of a professional footballer's week to life - jam packed with workshops and masterclasses!



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COMMUNICATION

At LPA, we believe clear communication is key to creating a smooth and professional experience for players and families throughout the season. Please take a moment to review how we share information and how best to contact us if you have questions.

Main Point of Contact

Email: sussex@learnplayachieve.com
Office Phone: 01273 463355

Join Our Shadow Squad Whatsapp Chat for:

-Session changes
-LPA Event Updates
-Last-minute announcements

Follow Us on Social Media!

Our eyes on the ground; Stay connected and keep up with the latest updates, photos, and announcements by following us on social media.

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THE LPA APP!

Our NEW app will make your LPA Academy experience easier and more connected, allowing you to:

View memberships and subscriptions, manage bookings and sessions, receive player development tasks and training activities, ALL while staying up to date with academy announcements!



Download the App NOW!

Android Devices

Apple Devices

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KIT & EQUIPMENT



LPA Academy Shirt 26/27



LPA Shorts

All kit orders will be processed through our LPA Kit Store on our booking site.

Wearing the official LPA kit is mandatory at all LPA sessions and fixtures. This helps maintain a professional training environment and builds team identity.

For all Shadow Squad sessions and fixtures, players must wear the LPA Black Academy training kit and Black socks. .

We also offer an LPA tracksuit top, bottoms, and a winter pack for colder months

Kit orders are placed through the LPA store via our partners Broadwater Sports. Scan the QR code to purchase!

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SEASON STRUCTURE

KEY Season Dates

START:

Thursday 10TH September

END:

Thursday 15TH July

Fixtures & Matches

Highly competetive local games programme across the year

Possible invitation and selection for Elite fixtures and representative touraments and events

Selection for fixtures are dependent on attendance, application and commitment to the training programme

Weekly Schedule

2x Training Sessions Per Week:

1x Academy Session (Monday or Friday) & 1x Shadow Squad Session (Thursday) - Please see next page for details

Throughout the Year you will get:

- Extremely High Standard UEFA Qualified Coaches
- 38 Academy Sessions per year
- 38 Shadow Squad Sessions per year
- Extensive Games Programme
- Player Development Reports
- Annual Parents/Player Information Evening - Date to be announced
- Discounted Holiday Camps
- Access to LPA Events during the year

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SESSION DAYS & TIMES

REGIONAL ACADEMY TECHNICAL SESSIONS

SEP 2026 - JULY 2027

MONDAYS:

Sussex FA Headquarters, LANCING (BN15 9AX) Starting 07/09
U8 - U11 - 17:00 - 18:30 | U12 - U15 - 18:30 - 20:00

Hailsham Academy, HAILSHAM (BN27 1DT) Starting 05/10
U8 - U16 - 17:30 - 19:00

FRIDAYS:

Warden Park Academy, CUCKFIELD (RH17 5DP) Starting 11/09
U8 - U11 - 17:00 - 18:30 | U12 - U14 - 18:30 - 20:00

Newhaven FC, NEWHAVEN (BN9 9DA) Starting 11/09
U8 - U16 - 17:30 - 19:00

The Forest School, HORSHAM (RH13 5NT) Starting 11/09
U8 - U11 - 17:00 - 18:30 | U12 - U15 - 18:30 - 20:00

SPECIFIC SHADOW SESSIONS

SEP 2026 - JULY 2027

THURSDAY: Starting 10/09

Warden Park Academy, CUCKFIELD (RH17 5DP)

17:30 - 19:00

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COSTS & COMMITMENTS

£840 per year, split over 12 monthly payments of £70 per month (charged on the 1st of each month), with £10 Admin fee & paying 1 month in advance (For those new to LPA).

12-Month Commitment (July 2026 to June 2027):
Membership requires a minimum 12-month commitment with payments continuing each month.

If a membership needs to end early due to unique mitigating or unforeseen circumstances, this will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis by Academy Director Del Tobias.

📌 **To acknowledge this, please sign the terms and conditions below! (you'll be reminded by the checklist at the end!)**



LPA Terms, Conditions & Consents

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CHECKLIST

Send an email to sussex@learnplayachieve.com, indicating:

- Your child's full name
- 'Shadow Squad'
- Confirmation that you wish to accept or decline your place for the 2026/27 season.
- Acknowledgement of training structure and commitments

- Sign the LPA Consent Forms + Terms & Conditions (Pg.11)
- Purchase mandatory kit (Black shirt, Black shorts, Black socks) from our partners Broadwater Sports, we recomend 2 of each to match the number of days of training. (Pg.8)
- Join our newly formed Shadow Squad WhatsApp group AND download the LPA App (Pg.6/7)





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