

DEANE GAVIN

PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL COACH | DEVELOPER | PERFORMANCE SPECIALIST

A passionate and dedicated football professional with over a decade of experience at elite clubs. Specializes in youth development, international research, coach education, and football performance. Proven ability to design and implement impactful training programs, mentor coaches and players, and build strategic global partnerships. Committed to promoting development and excellence to the highest standard in football, both on and off the pitch.

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Education

Middlesex University
Bachelor of Science
Sport & Exercise Science
Coaching & Performance

Qualifications

- FA UEFA B Licence
- FA Performance Level 3
- FA Youth Award
- Coerver Coaching
- LMA: Culture of Excellence
- Prozone Analysis
- FA Talent ID Level 1
- UKAD Anti-Doping Advisor
- FIFA Medical Diploma

Skills

Initiative & Proactive
Training Design & Delivery
International Program Coordination
Player & Coach Mentoring
Educational Resource Development
Team Player
Development & Mentoring



Arsenal FC | Academy Development Coach

2024 – Present

- Educate and co-ordinate staff with club training syllabus.
- Lead training programs aimed at enhancing player and coach development across all levels.
- Design, review, and report on session plans to ensure continuous long term player development.
- Build and maintain strategic partnerships to align with Arsenal's long-term development goals.
- Delivered high quality training sessions, leading to measurable improvements in player engagement and progression.



Chelsea FC | International Lead & Academy Coach

2020 – 2023

- Lead research, setup, and execution of international youth development programs in key markets, including Italy, Spain, France, Germany, Greece and Norway for recruitment.
- Mentored and developed over 50 coaches, delivering impactful training and enhancing program delivery across Europe.
- Designed educational resources that were adopted by academies in five countries, standardising training methodologies.
- Established and nurtured partnerships with clubs and stakeholders, increasing program participation by 20% annually.
- Spearheaded a grassroots initiative in Greece & Norway, engaging 2000+ players broadening Chelsea's global brand presence.



Crystal Palace FC | Academy (Boys) & Women 1st Team Coach

2016 – 2020

- Led team development and training sessions for the Boys Academy Foundation Phase, fostering talent and progression.
- Assisted in coaching the Women's Super League 1st Team, ensuring training aligned with performance and strategic goals.
- Utilized data analysis tools (PMA) to plan, review, and report session outcomes, optimizing player performance.
- Supported Boys Academy YDP age groups and ensured smooth integration across phases when required.



Watford FC | Men's 1st Team Assistant

2014 – 2016

- Supported 1st team managers (Jokanovic and Sanchez Flores) in training design, player analysis, and session delivery.
- Led small group sessions to address specific training objectives, achieving targeted weekly development goals.
- Mentored U21 players, providing individualized coaching and performance reporting to support their growth.
- Contributed to U21 group development, aligning training strategies with the club's vision for youth progression.



Fulham FC | Academy Youth Player

2003 – 2010

- Gained foundational training and tactical knowledge, progressing through the Academy's elite youth system.