



## THE FOOTBALL ACADEMY

**The Football Academy is a documentary series following the young players and staff of the Southampton F.C. Academy.**

Narrated by comedian and presenter Alan Carr, whose father was a professional team manager, the series has unparalleled access to a diverse range of enthusiastic and skilled players, from the U8s through to the U15s, as they progress through the most dramatic and exciting moments of the season.

From tournament finals to "retain or release" contract decisions, the series captures every moment of euphoria and heartbreak as the young athletes progress while also hearing from the academy coaches and parents who make up their support networks.

Across the series we meet Kiki and Queenie, nine year-old twin girls who play in the year above them and enjoy nothing more than taking on the boys' teams. The series also follows the story of 15 year-old Harry, who is smaller than his peers but has tremendous strength and speed, as he nervously waits to see if he will be rewarded with a new contract for his impressive technical skills.

Other budding young football stars include para players Flo and Ellie, who have a passion for football and supporting other para players on the pitch, and a football mad family of four boys, with two of the brothers already playing at the academy and the other two knocking at the door.

### Genre

Kids/ Factual Sport

### Duration

15 x half hours

### Country of Production

UK

### Series Producer

Will Innes

### Director

Carl Akkouch

### Presenter

Alan Carr

### Broadcaster

CBBC

### Big Dog Productions



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