

# ACADEMY

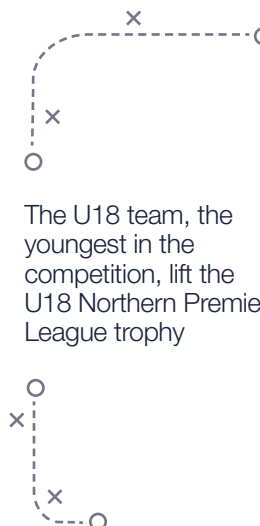
City Football Academy (CFA) Manchester was created with youth development at the forefront of its design. In its third year of operation, it is now home to 160 boys and 120 women and girls, and its boys youth teams brought home nine trophies across all age groups.

The U18 boys, with the youngest team in the competition, went unbeaten for the first 21 games of the season and won the North Division with 55 points from 22 games. For the third successive season they reached the FA Youth Cup Final, where they were beaten by Chelsea.

Their on-field success was given the royal seal of approval when five of the boys were invited to meet HRH the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, together with the City captain Steph Houghton and midfielder Jill Scott, at the National Football Museum as part of a series of royal visits in Manchester.

For the second consecutive period the boys academy was awarded Category One Status by the Premier League, the highest available ranking in the Premier League's Elite Player Performance Plan (EPPP) youth development scheme. The FA awarded the girls Tier 1 status, the highest level, and the CFA opened its doors as an official FA Regional Talent Centre (RTC) in July 2016.

Boys and girls players at all age groups have enjoyed international success. There are currently 25 players in the boys academy who represent their country at U15-U18 levels, including 20 England internationals. Five players in the girls RTC are youth internationals, following in the footsteps of the women's team, which boasts a total of 13 senior international players, seven of them from the England team.



The U18 team, the youngest in the competition, lift the U18 Northern Premier League trophy



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## ACADEMY SUCCESS

WINNING PERFORMANCES FROM THE YOUTH TEAMS

**U9**  **U9**  
 Winners – Premier League Powerplay  
 Winners – Neuenheim Cup, Germany  
 Winners – Rosta Cup, Italy  
 Winners – Mini Euro, France

**U10**  **U10**  
 Winners – IberCup, USA

**U14**  **U14**  
 Winners – Premier League  
 International Tournament

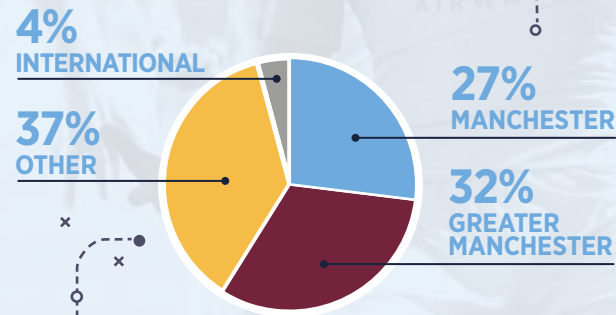
**U15**  **U15**  
 Winners – Premier League Floodlit  
 Cup, Northern Division  
 Winners – Premier League  
 International Tournament

**U18**  **U18**  
 Northern Champions –  
 Premier League

Source: Manchester City

## GEOGRAPHICAL SPLIT OF ACADEMY PLAYERS

59% OF PLAYERS IN THE ACADEMY ARE LOCAL



**160**   
 Academy players in  
 total across all years  
 in 2016-17

Source: Manchester City


## SCHOOL REPORT


EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE ACADEMY PLAYERS

**71**   
 Players at St Bede's College

**100%**   
 Number of U18s registered  
 at the local sixth form college

**100%**  
 Pass rate on BTEC Level 3 courses  
 in 2016-17 for all the players who  
 were studying at the Club

**30**   
 Players working towards  
 completing their Duke of  
 Edinburgh Bronze Award

**73%**   
 GCSE pass rate for players at  
 St Bede's College, 7 points  
 above the national average

Source: Manchester City