

# Open Trials 2018

## Colchester United FC Development Centre

Are you a talented young footballer who would like the opportunity to develop further within Colchester United's Development Centre?

Would you benefit from the following?

- Weekly training sessions at Colchester & Maldon based centres with our FA & UEFA qualified coaches, many of whom also work within in Colchester United's Academy
- Match play opportunities against other top professional clubs' PDC's such as Norwich City, Ipswich Town and Cambridge United in the school holidays
- Fixtures against Colchester United's Elite and Academy teams
- Opportunities to progress into Elite and Academy programme if deemed to be of the required standard

If so, come along to the Open Trials Evening!

<b>TRIALLING AGE GROUPS</b>	Youth Phase - U12, U13, U14, U15/16
<b>DATE</b>	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2018
<b>VENUE</b>	The Plume School, Fambridge Road, Maldon, CM9 6AB (3G Astro turf Pitch)
<b>TIME</b>	6:00pm – 7.30pm

To book your place for the Open Trial, please complete payment of £3 using the link below by Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February:

U12- <https://officialsoccerschools.co.uk/colchesterunited/development-centre-open-trial-2018-u12.html>

U13- <https://officialsoccerschools.co.uk/colchesterunited/development-centre-open-trial-2018-u13.html>

U14- <https://officialsoccerschools.co.uk/colchesterunited/development-centre-open-trial-2018-u14.html>

U15/16- <https://officialsoccerschools.co.uk/colchesterunited/development-centre-open-trial-2018-u15-16.html>

Goalkeepers- <https://officialsoccerschools.co.uk/colchesterunited/development-centre-open-trial-2018-goalkeepers-u12-16.html>

### **Introduction to the Development Centre**

The Development Centre is an invitation-only player development programme for boys from Under 7 to Under 16 age groups.

#### **Aims of the Development Centre:**

- To work with Colchester United Academy to nurture and retain advanced players
- To offer appropriate progression pathways and exit routes for players between 6 and 16 years of age
- To be the premier young player development programme in Essex.

#### **Development Centre Successes**

- 68 former Development Centre players have signed CUFC academy contracts in the last 8 years
- 10 former Development Centre players have signed Centre of Excellence/Academy contracts with other professional clubs in the last 8 years
- 12 former Development Centre players have signed Scholarships at CUFC in the last 6 years
- 40% of current CUFC COE registered players have come through the Development Centre

The trial evening will include a ball work technical warm up, followed by match-play to observe how effective players are in game situations. All players must wear football kit including shin-pads and moulded boots/trainers (no metal studs/blades), and be sure to bring a drink for the evening.