

**VELOCITY**  
FOOTBALL



## **Background**

Established in 1999, Ignite Sport UK's primary aim is to inspire people with sport, activity, and wellbeing, and to help create a sense of achievement for participants of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities. The Ignite group encompasses, Ignite Sport UK, Ignite Training and Velocity Football.

## **About Velocity**

Velocity Football is a full-time educational academy that combines Football and sport business with academia. Velocity hosts apprenticeships, BTEC and Alternative Provision. Based at the home of National League club, Oxford City FC in Marston, the courses are the only ones of their kind based in Oxford. Our programmes offer students the unique chance to join Oxford City FC's renowned Football pathway, develop life skills and attain qualifications.

## **Learning Support Officer (Velocity Football)**

This is a rewarding hybrid role that combines learner support and football coaching. In this role you will support the personal development of all learners on the Alternative Provision (AP) programme. You will work closely with The Velocity Alternative Provision Manager and Head of Football to deliver high standards of sport enrichment, safeguarding and pastoral support. You will play a vital role in promoting the Velocity Values of Inclusion, Development and Opportunity. Also, you will promote a culture of respectful relationships, healthy lifestyle and aspiration.

**Job hours:** Full-time - 35 hrs

**Location:** Oxford City Football Club (OX3 0NQ)

**Salary:** Grade 3/4

## **Key Responsibilities:**

- Assist with the day-to-day management of students to ensure they have a safe, positive and beneficial experience.
- Deliver quality football training sessions for the team, small groups and individuals.
- Deliver group and 1:1 learning programmes, paying full regard to learning and emotional needs.
- Promote respectful relationships and healthy lifestyle.
- Day to day Pastoral support for learners.
- Use resources to support the planning of Football curriculum – Training and Fixtures.
- Support the recruitment of students to the programme by attending careers events.
- Contribute to Annual Review Meeting/Multi-Agency meetings, as required.
- Pay the highest regard to Safeguarding policies, procedures and practice.

- Assist with safe practices around registration, departures and transport arrangements, for students.
- Deliver safe, fun and engaging activities and events during term time and the school holidays, to young people aged 4 years upwards, both at Oxford City Football club and other community settings.
- Engaging in outreach programmes.

**Essential criteria:**

- Passion for football and sport.
- Inspired to make a difference to learners with additional needs.
- Football Coaching Qualification (Minimum UEFA C)
- Safeguarding experience and current qualification (minimum 6 months).
- Classroom behavioural management experience (minimum 6 months).
- Knowledge and understanding of PREVENT
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- Driving licence with own vehicle.
- Excellent communication skills at all levels, both written and verbal.
- Calmness under pressure, and an ability to think on your feet and adapt.
- Sense of humour.
- Grade 4 or above in Maths and English or Functional Skills Equivalent (level 2).

**Desirable:**

Previous role within an Alternative Provision and/or SEN setting

**Benefits:**

Salary grade 3 to 4, £20,930 - £23,900

22 days holiday + bank holidays.

Pension with employer contribution.

Free childcare at Ignite Holiday Camp Settings (ages 4-11).

Annual employee wellbeing grant & perks.

Oxford City FC Friends & Family Season tickets

**Good to know:**

Free on-site parking.

We reward excellence and celebrate achievements with awards & team socials.

Regular incentive opportunities.

Regular CPD.

Uniform provided.

Access to fully funded courses to support both professional and personal development.

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We uphold a robust recruitment process. Applicants must be eligible to work in the UK and willing to undergo an enhanced DBS check with additional prior employment vetting.

Oxford City Football Club is an Equal Opportunities Employer. We celebrate diversity and are committed to creating and maintaining an inclusive environment for all employees.

**To Apply, in the first instance:**

Send a copy of your CV via email with an accompanying note telling us why you are perfect for this role to: Tia Herbert – [t.herbert@ignitsportuk.com](mailto:t.herbert@ignitsportuk.com) - Application deadline: July 19<sup>th</sup>

