

Welcome to St. John's Football Academy. Our goal is to provide world-class learning and character development through education and soccer, and to help youth reach their highest potential as athletes, students and citizens.

#### **PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

The Football Academy's athletes spend the beginning of each school day practicing at Pacfic's Island Training Centre, followed by academic classes back on campus. Additional training is offered (through PFC) to student athletes in the early evenings. The academy is offered to this group of students as they continue on through high school, adding academy grades each academic year.

With the success of year one behind us, St. John's Academy Shawnigan Lake is expanding its program from male students to include Grade 9 and 10 female students for the upcoming academic school year of 2024-2025.

Schedules are organized around a balance of training and classes, designed to help players achieve their potential as student-athletes, keeping all doors open for post-secondary pathways.

The Football Academy players are coached by Jamar Dixon, a retired Canadian professional soccer player who captained Pacific to win the Canadian Premier League in 2021. In 2022, he coached the Island rep team, VI Wave 2008 boys, to a provincial championship. He has a reputation for building players with strong skills and even stronger character.

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