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It's nice to know that someone has your back, reminding you that you need a backup plan and a career that may not be as a professional athlete.

Student Athlete

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HELPING
TALENT SHINE
IN EDUCATION
AND SPORT

The TASS
Dual Career
Accreditation
Scheme.



WHAT IS TASS?

TASS (Talented Athlete Scholarship Scheme) is an athlete support programme which helps talented athletes to balance their sport and studies, with the goal of them being able to reach their potential in both.

Backed by Sport England, the TASS partnership brings together athletes, education institutions and sports, in order to support our country's most exciting young talents.

TASS DUAL CAREER ACCREDITATION SCHEME

This relatively new branch of TASS allows any institution, at either FE or HE level, to apply to become a TASS Dual Career Accredited Site. This accreditation is NOT based on sport science service delivery, but instead focuses on an institution's ability to provide academic support and flexibility to their student-athletes.

The scheme was launched in November 2016 and is growing from strength to strength, with more institutions applying to start the scheme by the day.

THE PURPOSE OF THE TASS DUAL CAREER ACCREDITATION SCHEME

The TASS Dual Career Accreditation Scheme was founded with the following aims in mind:

- To identify and reward institutions willing to help talented athletes in balancing their sport and study.
- To allow talented student-athletes to make an informed choice, when deciding where to continue their education, knowing that they will receive the academic support and flexibility that they need.
- To establish a wider network of athlete-friendly institutions, who work together, in order to provide student-athletes with the support network that they need.
- To set up links between FE and HE accredited sites, in order to create more opportunities for support, as well as logical pathways for student-athletes.
- To encourage student-athletes to learn and develop competencies and life skills needed to pursue a Dual Career.

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The scheme adds additional value to what we do and the education standards we provide.

Accredited Site Dual Career Coordinator

Being a Dual Career Accredited site has put us on another level compared to other institutions in the area.

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WHAT DOES A TASS DUAL CAREER ACCREDITED SITE OFFER TO ITS STUDENT-ATHLETES?

Student-athletes studying at these 'athlete friendly' institutions are able to tap into a selection of academic flexibility options and support outlets, as and when needed.

For example:

- Access to missed notes and resources
- Flexibility with timetabling
- Flexibility with assignment deadlines
- Flexibility with internal exam dates
- Access to a personal tutor
- Access to catch-up sessions with teaching staff either before or after a sport related absence
- Access to a Dual Career Workshop Programme
- Access to a Dual Career Coordinator for help and assistance with balancing time/studies
- Opportunity to be involved in TASS national events for Dual Career Accredited sites

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In a couple of years' time I'm looking forward to University. I wouldn't want to move from a TASS accredited site, because all the support is here, and at the end of the day the bottom line is support.

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