Aiming For A Professional Career In Motorsport?

The Enhanced Diploma in Sporting Excellence (DiSE) programme gives talented young drivers and co-drivers, who are serious about pursuing a career in motorsport, the opportunity to gain academic qualifications whilst also competing.

The Motorsport UK Academy, together with Loughborough College, have developed a bespoke two-year sporting excellence and motor vehicle education programme, which means drivers and co-drivers don’t have to sacrifice their studies to get ahead in motorsport. Instead, they can work on developing their driving and co-driving skills whilst also being supported in becoming a better athlete.

Eligibility and selection*

- Athletes must be aged 16-18 years old (by September of that academic year)
- Hold a competition licence and be regularly competing in your chosen discipline at a minimum of Interclub level (Race, Rallycross, other) or National level (Kart, Rally). Ideally in Championships such as F4, Mini Challenge, GTS, Ginetta Junior, Fiesta Juniors, Junior Rally, RallyX and British Kart or recognised eSports competitions.
- Hold, or be predicted to achieve, a minimum of five GCSE’s at grades 4-9 (A*-C), two of which must be English and Maths.
- Able to evidence results/times that show potential to progress to elite level.
- Ambitious and committed to furthering your motorsport education.
- Learners should ordinarily live in England (however, learners from all home countries will be considered - please discuss with Motorsport UK).

*Please be aware that the eligibility criteria is to be used as a guide and achieving the stated criteria is not a guarantee that an application will be successful. We reserve the right to accept applications outside of the above criteria at our discretion.

THE MOTORSPORT PROGRAMME

Alongside the content delivered as part of the qualifications, students will also undertake exclusive workshops with Motorsport UK Academy coaches and industry experts, including:

- Porsche Human Performance
- Psychologist and Nutritionist support (including 1:1 sessions)
- Physiological development and training
- Media, Communications and Sponsorship education
- 1:1 sessions with an Academy Coach

THE ACADEMIC PROGRAMME

Working with the athletes, Loughborough College develop blended study plans to support their learning with individual tutor guidance. The programme combines several qualification options:

- L3 Extended Certificate in Sporting Excellence & Performance
- L3 Extended Certificate in eSports
- L2 Extended Certificate in Vehicle Technology
- Diploma in Sporting Excellence (DiSE)

How do I apply and what happens next?

1. Complete the Motorsport UK online application form HERE.
2. Download and complete the Loughborough College application form HERE. This form should be returned to academy@motorsportuk.org.
3. Attend the Loughborough College open day – details to follow.
4. Your application will be reviewed by the Motorsport UK Academy and Loughborough College and we will be in touch with the outcome!

COURSE DELIVERY

Athletes are required to attend Loughborough College twice a month for four days at a time, as well as be available for online 1:1s/tutor progress meetings once per month. Away from college, the athletes are required to complete study/placement hours which could include preparing for competition, in competition or be gaining work experience within the industry. Additionally, athletes will be required to attend focused development sessions at key motorsport facilities approximately two days a month.