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## For Students: Mission Statement (2)

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What is a ‘mission statement’?

A ‘mission statement’ is a statement about a group or company’s ideal expectations. It is ***not*** a set of demands – ‘we want it this way’ but rather a ‘this is what we would like to happen’.

BAFA’s Mission Statement for students at school

Relevant to both the Touchdown Programme and the involvement with the School Games, the following is a suggestion about how a youngster could structure their experience of American Football through their school years.

Enjoy, Learn, Develop, Give-back

**Years 5 and 6:** Start playing 3v3, learn the basic rules and start playing for fun! American Football is really a great deal of fun to play. **Year 7:** Transition to big school, lots of new experiences and things to cope with. It is important to have something to take your mind of stuff but also it could be a way to make new friends sharing a new interest. **Years 8, 9 and 10:** this is the time you can really get into playing, really begin to learn technique and strategy. Also, this maybe a good time to have a go at the Awards BAFA Offers for young leaders. Try out some different aspects of the Sport – playing, leading, officiating and really thinking about the Touchdown Challenge. **Year 11:** time to ‘pause-for-breath’. GCSE’s or similar should take priority now. Aim to complete the ‘Student’ part of the Touchdown Challenge of ‘Student, Person, Player’. It’s your future. **Year 12:** the start of A-levels but a good time to get back into lots of playing. **Year 13/14** is all about the final grades, maybe a good time to look at getting American Football qualifications like the Touchdown Junior Activator Certificate or, if you are old enough BAFRA’s 5v5 Officiating Qualification or even BAFCA’s Level 1 Coaching award? Help out with your PE Department or local football coach – give back. Look at University teams and make that a motivation for getting your grades. Put what you do to give back on your personal statements and CV – it all helps to make you a better person and a

stronger candidate for University – embrace what American Football is all about – excellence in whatever you do, wear and say!



 See also;

*BAFA’s Basics for Students (1) BAFA’s Basics for Inclusion*

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