



GEMS FirstPoint School Golf Centre of Excellence

In Partnership With

Claude Harmon 3 Performance Golf Academy



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Mission

To provide our students with a first-class education and a world-class golf coaching programme that holistically prepares them for collegiate and professional golf.

Vision

We envision creating a distinguished golf academy that serves as a central hub for nurturing outstanding young golfers in the region. Our mission is to instill a well-rounded approach to golf by promoting participation, enjoyment, understanding and excellence. We place a high value on academic excellence, as well as golfing proficiency; equipping our students with the skills and knowledge to excel in both areas. With our unwavering commitment to developing future champions, we aim to empower our students to pursue their aspirations of playing collegiate and professional golf.

Partners

Our Golf Centre of Excellence is backed by the most respected names in the industry. The programme is supported by GEMS, the Knowledge and Human Development Authority (KHDA) and leading industry partners. With this level of support and expertise behind them, students enrolled on the programme will have every opportunity to reach their full potential on the course, and beyond.



Leadership Team

Lewis

It is with immense pride that I undertake the Deputy Head of Secondary role at GEMS FirstPoint School (FPS), a community that has had a great impact on my life since 2016.

I graduated from Leeds Metropolitan University in 2010 with BA (Hons) Physical Education, before moving to the USA to lead on the delivery of Soccer Camps for young people aged 3-18; an experience that ignited my passion for international education. In 2012, I completed a PGCE in Secondary Physical Education at Edge Hill University and started teaching at an 'Outstanding' Academy Federation in London; I spent 4 years delivering Physical Education to Key Stage 3-5 students and led as Head of Most Able and Talented. In my time at FPS, I have delivered 'Outstanding' outcomes in a number of Middle and Senior Leadership roles: Head of Year, Director, Assistant Principal and Deputy Head. I am currently completing the National Professional Qualification for Headship (NPQH) and look forward to refining and implementing research-driven initiatives for your children. I have led the Golf Centre of Excellence Programme for 2 academic years.

As parents, students and staff, we have achieved so much together. With continued positive relationships, high expectations and application, we will work cohesively to provide the best learning environment for all of our young people: happy, well-rounded and globally aware students that have the highest aspirations and an intrinsic desire to achieve and be the best individuals that they can be.



Lewis Hammill
Deputy Head of Secondary



Mike Bolt
Course Leader and Teaching Professional

Mike

I have had a passion for golf from an early age. My successful amateur golf career included representing England in the Universities Home Internationals, as well as captaining the Bournemouth University team to three straight Division 1 titles.

After earning a Business Management degree from the University of Bournemouth, I turned to coaching. This led to my enrolment on the Professional Golfers' Association (PGA) Training Programme; I was awarded PGA Trainee of the Year on two occasions.

Before moving to Dubai, I was the Senior PGA Professional at Royal Wimbledon Golf Club in London for three years, having previously learned my trade in America at the prestigious Jupiter Island Golf Club in Florida.

I joined the Claude Harmon 3 Performance Golf Academy (CH3PGA) from Trump International Golf Club, having been a member of the start-up team that successfully established the Golf Academy.

I still enjoy playing competitive golf alongside coaching, earning multiple victories on the United Arab Emirates (UAE) PGA order of merit.

Golf Centre of Excellence

A warm welcome from FPS and the CH3PGA. Together, our partnership offers an exceptional opportunity for young golfers to pursue their academic and vocational aspirations, whilst still fully focusing on their training and coaching. This unique pathway ensures that junior golfers gain valuable qualifications and excel practically, supporting their ambitions to pursue a future in collegiate and professional golf.

KEY FEATURES OF THE PROGRAMME

- ✓ A school that understands the pressures and demands to succeed on the elite golf pathway.
- ✓ A bespoke curriculum that is tailored to support student success, with a commitment to limit the impact of the programme on core subject tuition.
- ✓ A personalised timetable for each student enrolled on the programme.
- ✓ Pastoral care and support to ensure that students are managing their schedules and maintain excellence in both their education and golf.
- ✓ Regular communication with students and parents regarding performance in school and on the programme.
- ✓ A commitment to encourage participation in internal and external competitions.
- ✓ Transport between the school and golf facility, provided by School Transport Services (STS).
- ✓ Opportunities for holistic development, for example: DP World Tour Golf Futures Workshops, Athlete Development Seminars and DP World Tour Championship 'Behind the Scenes Tours'.
- ✓ World-class golf coaching from the CH3PGA.
- ✓ Access to, and use of, professional-standard equipment and technology.
- ✓ Fitness, strength and conditioning training in state-of-the-art facilities.
- ✓ Sponsored training and competition kit.
- ✓ Yearly opportunities to engage in individual and group sessions with Claude Harmon.
- ✓ A full junior golf membership at The Els Club.
- ✓ Optional fitness sessions with the Titleist Performance Institute (TPI) medical professionals.
- ✓ College application planning and support with ForeCollegeGolf (FCG).

SCHOOL CURRICULUM

At FPS, located in The Villa family community, we offer a first-class education. The exceptional facilities and British-trained staff inspire learning through the National Curriculum for England for children from Early Years Foundation Stage to Year 13.

We are a UAE KHDA Rahhal 10X Initiative School; this gives us flexibility with our curriculum offering to focus on the development of specialist areas, including golf. Our students leave site at approximately 12.15pm, twice a week, to travel to the CH3PGA and participate on the programme. We endeavor to limit the number of core subject hours being scheduled during these times.

In Key Stage 4 and 5, we offer internationally recognised British education qualifications, including GCSEs, A Levels and BTECs. Our students select the Elite Golf Programme as an option subject and receive additional independent study time; facilitating high-levels of progress and attainment.

To view the Key Stage 4 Options Booklet for 2023-2024, please click [here](#).

To view the Key Stage 5 Options Booklet for 2023-2024, please click [here](#).

All students are expected to fully engage with home learning, ensuring that they remain on top of their studies.



CH3PGA

The CH3PGA, in partnership with FPS, falls under the patronage of the prestigious Harmon name, which has become synonymous in the world of golf instruction with success, quality and a winning mentality. Claude Harmon was the 1948 Masters Champion and one of the leaders in the shift to modern day golf instruction. He was ahead of his time using video and teaching aids, in a world where they had rarely been seen before.

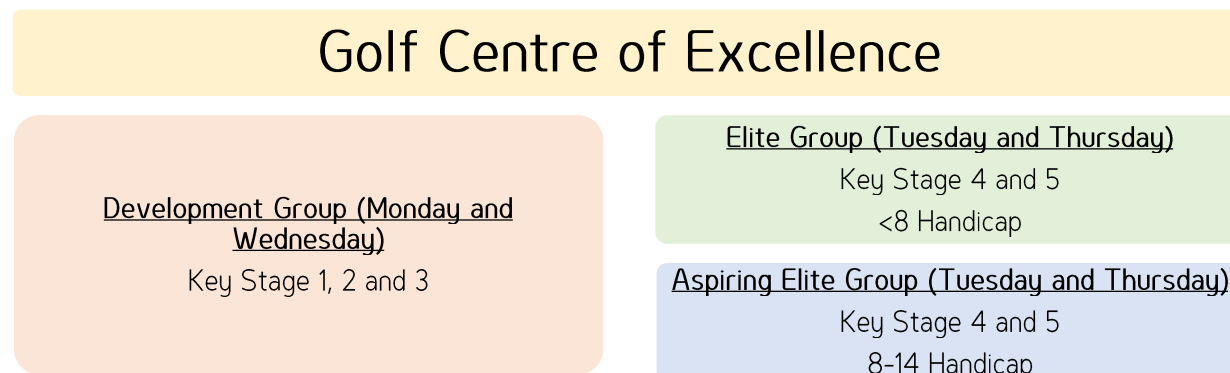
His eldest son, "Butch" Harmon needs no real introduction, but a list of the successful players who have had success under his tutorage include: Tiger Woods, Phil Mickelson, Dustin Johnson and Fred Couples. He has also worked with: Greg Norman, Adam Scott, Ernie Els, Davis Love III, Darren Clarke, Stewart Cink, Justin Leonard and Mark Calacavacchia. Mr. Harmon's students have combined for over 140 tour wins worldwide under his tutelage.

Claude Harmon III has continued the fine family tradition by moulding the old teaching values learned from his father and grandfather with modern practices, including physical conditioning and biomechanics. Claude currently coaches Brooks Koepka and Dustin Johnson, as well as a number of other prominent players in the USA from The Floridian Golf Club. He remains in constant contact with his staff in Dubai and regularly visits the academy.

The CH3PGA, located at the Els Club in Dubai Sports City, offers its students one of the finest coaching and practice facilities available in the UAE. The 5,000 sq ft state-of-the-art building is fully equipped to deliver a world-class level of golf instruction. Hosting a grass tee spanning over 100 yards in width and overlooking multiple target greens, the facility is designed with students' improvement in mind. The academy also has a host of equipment available at its disposal including:

- ✓ Two air-conditioned full swing studios equipped with V1 and four cameras.
- ✓ An eight-camera putting studio.
- ✓ Fully functioning gym.
- ✓ Extensive short game practice area and putting green.
- ✓ K-Vest 3D Motion Capture.
- ✓ Trackman Launch Monitor.
- ✓ SAM Putt Lab.
- ✓ SAM Balance Lab & Boditrak Pressure Mat.
- ✓ The latest club-fitting options.

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE



**All potential students must complete a practical assessment at the CH3PGA to confirm their suitability for the programmes.*

DEVELOPMENT, ASPIRING ELITE AND ELITE PROGRAMMES

- ✓ A curriculum developed and built around their needs.
- ✓ Two afternoons a week at the CH3PGA.
- ✓ Individual golf instruction.
- ✓ Group golf instruction.
- ✓ Group strength and conditioning sessions.
- ✓ On-course development sessions covering: full swing, short game, putting technical development to mental development, on course strategy, club-fitting and competitive play.
- ✓ Students are encouraged to attend the academy on a Friday afternoon to individually practice and act on the feedback from their sessions. Internal competitions are regularly scheduled at this time.
- ✓ A termly written report.

JUNIOR GOLF MEMBERSHIP- ENTITLEMENTS

- ✓ A 5-day booking window for midweek golf course access, Monday to Friday.
- ✓ An on-the-day booking window for weekend course access, Saturday and Sunday.
- ✓ Practice facility access at CH3PGA, 7 days a week.
- ✓ CH3PGA gym usage, 7 days a week.
- ✓ Practice facility access at The Els Club, 7 days a week.
- ✓ Access to The Els Country Club gym and pool, 7 days a week.
- ✓ Buggy usage on course; parents must have signed a liability form.
- ✓ The Els Club member competitions.

HOW CAN MY CHILD JOIN THE PROGRAMME?

- ✓ Enquire and meet academic requirements at FPS.
- ✓ Undertake an assessment session at the CH3PGA.
- ✓ Take the following educational subjects:
 - Key Stage 1-3- Students will study a range of subjects in line with the National Curriculum for England.
 - Key Stage 4- GCSE Programme of Study- English Language, English Literature, Mathematics and Science are all compulsory. Two additional option subjects will be chosen.
 - Key Stage 5- A Level Programme of Study- A minimum of two and maximum of three subjects.

PROGRAMME FEES

Years 1, 2 and 3- 76653 AED

Years 4, 5 and 6- 81940 AED

Key Stage 3- 87227 AED

Key Stage 4- 104149 AED

Key Stage 5- 109436 AED

**Subject to KHDA school fee changes.*





School and Golf Contact Details

Should you have any further school-related queries, please make contact with FPS. For golf-related queries, the CH3PGA team. The e-mail addresses are listed below.

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