

About English Essay

[Purpose of the question] This essay was asked to test students' reading comprehension of English newspaper articles.

[Model answer]

Question 1 Summarize the following text within 200 words.

University of Oxford to sponsor Oxford City football shirts. OXFORD City have announced a new partnership which will see the University of Oxford sponsor the front of the club's shirts. The Hoops are set to benefit from a range of educational and sporting programmes, while the team will also train one day a week on the university's grass pitches.

The Hoops co-owner Justin Merritt said: "In recent years, we've collaborated on a lot of different projects. We've done some research work and shared facilities. Over the last two and a half years, that's grown and flourished, and here we are today, where it's really exciting to formally sign a partnership with the university. We've got some of the best students in the world on our doorstep, and if we can harness some of their knowledge and expertise, and help them as well, the club's going to be in a stronger place."

This is a collaboration in which they recognise the mutual benefit of coming together, working on joint programmes around education, research and community engagement. The shirt aspect of that is a very visible side of that partnership, and it's something they see as mutually beneficial.

Question 2 Write your opinion on the collaboration between the club and the university. The collaboration between a university and a professional football club is extremely unique. The university believes that sport is an important bridge between the university and the wider community. As a club and as a university, they want to open doors to young people across the city, to connect in whatever way they can, to raise educational aspiration, and this is a route through which they think as a university, their local engagement goals are supported. They can connect with kids, older people, and the whole community through this relationship. In terms of this partnership with the club, there are a range of things they want to do. They're trying to think about ways which they can do joint community activities, develop educational programmes for the men and women first teams, develop football programmes that build in both the sport and educational side. They're trying to do more to use sport school programmes, where they bring more kids to their facilities.

This is a collaboration in which they recognise the mutual benefit of coming together, working on joint programmes around education, research and community engagement. It would be great if, through this collaboration, the club could build on the popularity of the university, grow stronger, and increase revenue.