

# REAL PEOPLE. REAL PATHWAYS.

Stories of young people who began their journey with VISTA and went on to achieve

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## Bayan Aman

MIDFIELDER · BORN LONDON 2005 · SAINT LUCIA INTERNATIONAL

From VISTA's grassroots academy in Dulwich to professional football, a CONCACAF international debut for Saint Lucia, and a move abroad to Bosnia and Herzegovina — all by the age of 20.

PROFESSIONAL CLUB | INTERNATIONAL CAPS | ABROAD CAREER

2013

JOINED VISTA

6

YEARS AT VISTA

2019

COLCHESTER ACADEMY

2024

INTERNATIONAL DEBUT

VPS — 001

FOOTBALL PATHWAY

Bayan Aman

MIDFIELDER  
BORN LONDON · 2005

JOINED VISTA  
2013, aged 8  
Dulwich Grassroots Academy

VISTA YEARS  
2013 – 2019  
6 Years

INTERNATIONAL  
Saint Lucia National Team  
CONCACAF Nations League B  
2024

CURRENT CLUB  
FK Velez Nevesinje  
Bosnia & Herzegovina  
2025 – Present

CAREER TIMELINE

- VISTA YFC — Dulwich  
2013 – 2019
- Colchester Utd Academy  
2019 – 2023
- Colchester Utd (Senior)  
2023 – 2024
- Felixstowe & Walton (Loan)  
2023
- Hendon FC  
2024
- Sutton Common Rovers  
2024 – 2025
- FK Velez Nevesinje  
2025 – Now

From a Dulwich grassroots pitch to a professional career and international football.

Some players stand out from their very first session. Bayan was one of them. Joining VISTA's grassroots academy in Dulwich at just eight years old, he arrived with a natural technical ability that was immediately apparent — but more than that, he brought something rarer: **an insatiable hunger to be on the ball**, a maturity well beyond his years, and an eagerness to constantly seek information, ask questions, and push the boundaries of his own development.

*"From his very first session, it was hard not to notice him. The technical quality was clear — but what stayed with you was the hunger. He wanted to learn, he asked questions, he stayed behind. That combination, in an eight-year-old, tells you everything."*  
— VISTA Coaching Staff · Dulwich Academy

Over six years at VISTA — from age eight to thirteen — Bayan didn't just develop as a footballer. He evolved as a person. Long before professional academies came calling, he was already a role model to his peers: the kind of player younger teammates looked to, the kind of young man who led by example without being asked.

VISTA'S ROLE IN THIS PATHWAY

VISTA provided Bayan with the environment, exposure, and encouragement he needed at the most critical stage of his development. Connections to West Ham United Development squads came through VISTA's networks — before his quality earned him a move to Colchester United's academy. We are proud of the small but meaningful role we played in opening that first door.

PROFESSIONAL CLUB  
Colchester United FC  
Senior appearance, 2023

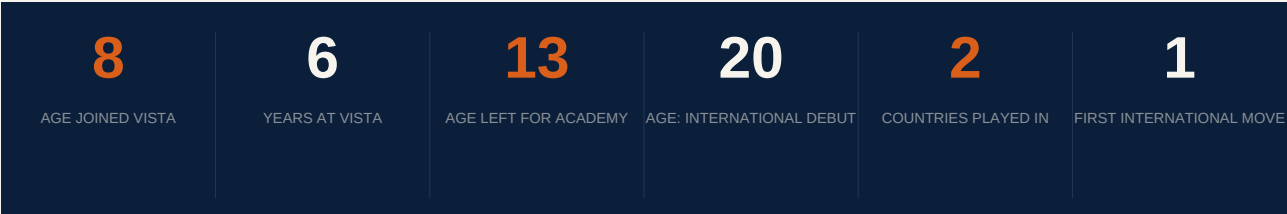
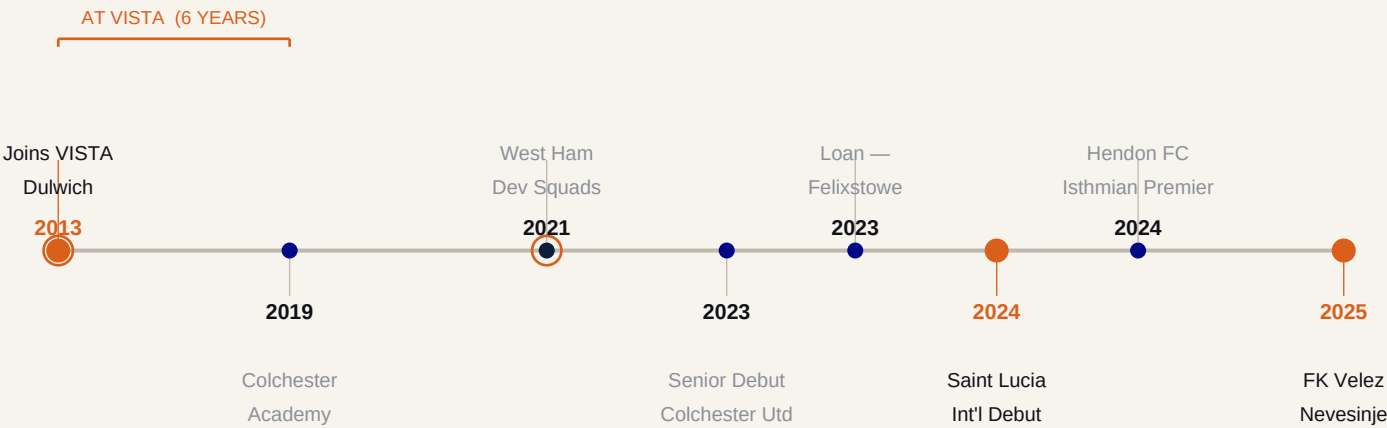
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS  
Saint Lucia National Team  
CONCACAF Nations League B, 2024

ACADEMY JOURNEY  
VISTA YFC → West Ham Dev  
→ Colchester Utd Academy

INTERNATIONAL MOVE  
FK Velez Nevesinje  
First League, Bosnia (2025)

Since leaving VISTA, Bayan has continued to push himself. After senior appearances and loan spells in the Isthmian League, he made a bold move abroad in early 2025 — signing for FK Velez Nevesinje in Bosnia and Herzegovina, his first professional contract outside England. He has also represented **Saint Lucia at international level**, earning senior call-ups for CONCACAF Nations League B fixtures in October 2024.

Bayan's story is a story about what happens when a young person with genuine hunger is placed in the right environment at the right time. **VISTA was that environment — at the start.**



ABOUT VISTA SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

VISTA Sports Development is a South London-based organisation operating across Croydon, Sutton, and Bromley. Our six divisions — VISTA Sports Development, VISTA Community Outreach (including the Empower Respite service), VISTA Creative Arts Academy, Sporting Club VISTA, and the TAG (Talented & Gifted) Programme — work together to support young people through sport, education, creative arts, and community engagement.

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MORE PATHWAYS — COMING SOON

