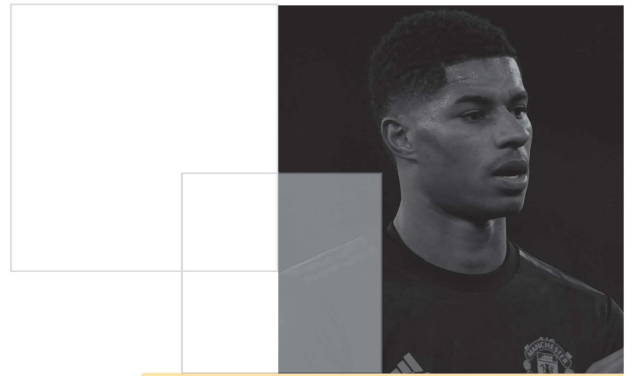


# MARCUS RASHFORD



Marcus Rashford has made his name as a professional footballer playing for Manchester United and England. Since being scouted and enrolling in the Manchester United Football Academy at age seven, he has played in both the Premier League and the UEFA Europa League, winning several awards with the team.

He has shown incredible leadership abilities at only 22, having lobbied the government to extend free school meals during the 2020 school summer holidays. This campaign prompted a turn around on the issue, a successful start to Rashford's fight against child food poverty in the UK.

He has continued the campaign by assembling a taskforce, including food retailers like Tesco and ASDA and the charity FareShare, calling for three key policy changes to be backed by the government. The policies were recommended by the National Food Strategy review, and in a recent BBC interview Rashford reinforced: "the drive of myself and the child food poverty taskforce to see these three government policies implemented without delay is stronger than ever."

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"There are too many families trying to manage on low incomes and do the best for their children. Food is expensive. I respect Marcus Rashford because he is comfortable to talk about his background and he has stood up to address child food poverty and help families who are just like his."