



## MARCUS RASHFORD: PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALLER

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"Marcus is a fabulous talent, I love the way he plays."  
Gary Lineker

"I have always been a MANU fan, so to be in the first team really is a dream come true"

**Marcus Rashford** (born 1997) is an English professional footballer who plays as a forward for Premier League club Manchester United and England.

Rashford was born in Wythenshawe Manchester, and is of Kittitian descent. He began playing football for Fletcher Moss Rangers at the age of five, and joined the academy system at Manchester United at the age of seven. He scored two goals on both his first-team debut against Midtjylland, a Danish club, in the UEFA Europa League in February 2016 and his Premier League debut against Arsenal three days later. His football career speaks for itself.

During the 2020 Covid lockdown Rashford teamed up with the poverty and foodwaste charity FareShare and raised £20 million to provide food for children who if still at school would be receiving free school meals. By early June 2020, the charity had been able to reach 3 million children across the country.

On 15 June, Rashford wrote an open letter to the government calling on them to end child poverty in the United Kingdom. A day later, the government announced a change in policy regarding the extension of free school meals for children during the summer holidays, with Rashford's campaign credited as a major turning point in governmental talks.