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Exceptional Experiences. Successful Lives.



Wath  
Academy  
Sixth Form

# Football Scholarship

Specialise in football alongside  
A Level/Vocational Study





## Wath Academy Football: Our Vision

The Wath Academy Sixth Form Football Scholarship aims to ensure the delivery of world-class coaching which inspires every scholar to achieve footballing excellence. Our mission is to ensure the students develop in nine key areas that focuses their development both on and off the football pitch.

## The Programme

The Football Scholarship programme offered at Wath Academy Sixth Form is a specialist 16–18 football programme delivering exceptional experiences to aspiring talented footballers. It is a realistic pathway into semi-professional/professional football, whilst studying at a highly successful sixth form.

The scholarship is an elite football development programme that ensures all students access a first-class football experience in addition to their post-16 education.

All players on the scholarship programme undertake A levels or vocational subjects during the course, with further possibilities to acquire work-based qualifications, such as the FA Level 1 coaching qualification.

Scholars access a high quality football provision, working with coaches who have previously and currently still work within the professional game.

The programme involves training on a daily basis with the scholarship coaching team. This provides players with a fantastic opportunity to further develop their football education and knowledge of the game.

*"Being part of the Football Scholarship has benefited me in many ways and has helped improve many football and life skills. The training sessions, video analysis, match prep and games with top level coaches are a great experience for any student interested in improving in football."*

*"The scholarship developed me as a player and, more importantly, as a person. I have been able to meet many new people and made friends for life."*

Jade Beck



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## Our Intent

- All football scholars develop an inner belief and ambition to fulfil their dreams
- All football scholars develop a lifelong passion for football
- All football scholars gain first-class continuing professional development opportunities
- All football scholars develop exceptional character
- All football scholars develop high levels of cultural and global awareness
- All football scholars become responsible citizens
- All football scholars gain an array of positive school memories
- All football scholars are given a chance to explore a variety of academic and professional exit routes
- All football scholars reach their full football capabilities

## Facilities

Football scholars have access to high quality facilities on the Wath Academy campus to support each player in his/her individual development, performance and learning.

### Our facilities include:

- State-of-the-art 3G pitch
- Four high-quality grass pitches
- Futsal hall
- Three indoor sports facilities
- Strength and conditioning studio
- Structured training programme
- Video analysis classroom
- Match preparation sessions
- Match analysis



## Competitions

Scholars compete in a variety of leagues and cups:

### Boys

- ECFA Yorkshire and Humberside League
- Sheffield and Hallamshire County FA South Yorkshire College Flexi League
- ESFA Boys Under 18 Schools' Trophy
- ESFA Boys Under 18 Schools' Cup for B Teams
- Rotherham Schools Cup
- South Yorkshire Cup

### Girls

- National Football Youth League
- ECFA Premier Women's League
- ESFA Girls Under 18 Schools' Trophy







## The Offer

All those enrolled onto the scholarship programme undertake A Levels or applied qualifications alongside their football programme.

### The scholarship provides students with:

- A football coaching programme delivered by UEFA A/B licensed coaches
- Training five days a week, including match analysis, strength and conditioning, rehab and recovery and technical/tactical sessions
- Veo camera technology, recording all games
- All players access PlayerTek GPS software throughout the programme
- Access to state-of-the-art training facilities, including an FA affiliated floodlit 3G pitch
- A comprehensive league and competition structure on Wednesday afternoons
- Scholarship pathways in America
- Opportunities to participate in overseas tours
- Work experience opportunities

*"I intend to go on to higher education in the USA where I have been offered a scholarship for football (soccer) as well as studying a major in accountancy at Missouri Valley College. This is a great opportunity in which I think is definitely a direct path for other footballers to attain an excellent football experience, whilst attaining a degree that can also set-up for a strong career in whatever you choose to pursue post-18, in my case, the accountancy/finance sector."*

*I believe me being a part of the Football Scholarship programme has definitely helped me in so many ways. Primarily, my football ability and knowledge of the game has definitely increased by working with top coaches on a day-to-day basis. From the training sessions to the video analysis sessions and the matches, it is a real top experience for any 16-18 year old person who has an interest in the game and, more importantly, an interest in wanting to improve as a player and develop as a person. I have been able to share my experiences with current Year 11 students. From me on my own coming onto the scholarship programme from St Pius X, we now have plenty of interest from current St Pius students. This suggests the real positive impact it has had not only on myself, but everybody on the programme."*

**Jamie McGinnes**

"Football scholars have access to state-of-the-art training facilities, including an FA affiliated floodlit 3G pitch, PlayerTek GPS software and Veo camera technology."



*"The staff at Wath Academy Sixth Form host an environment where students can grow both on and off the pitch, and point them in the direction of exciting exit pathways. The care that Wath shows to its players across all facets of the programme is excellent and we look forward to continuing our positive relationship in providing sports scholarships in the USA for their students."*

**Brad Rodda**  
Head of Soccer at Future Pro USA





## Coaches

Our football scholars have the opportunity to access some exceptional coaching from a highly skilled coaching team, we are privileged to have experienced and knowledgeable football coaches that will guarantee student progression.



**Mr Elliott Flowers**  
Football Development Officer

UEFA A Licensed Coach. Prior to joining Wath, Mr Flowers worked for a variety of professional clubs including Chesterfield, Leeds United and Peterborough United. He has worked in both the elite male and female academy system for over five years. Mr Flowers holds both BSc and MSc Sport Coaching degrees.



**Mr Ashley Thompson**  
Scholarship Lead Coach

UEFA B Licensed Coach. Mr Thompson is currently completing his UEFA A Licence. He has previously worked at Leeds United Girls Academy as Youth Development Phase coach, foundation phase lead and also worked at Guiseley Vixens in the FA Women's National League.



**Mr Carl Kennedy**  
Lead Goalkeeping Coach

UEFA B Licensed Outfield and Goalkeeping Coach. Mr Kennedy currently works with Everton Women, providing goalkeeping coaching across their pathway. He has also led at the FA Women's High-Performance Centre for South Yorkshire and continues to work with the women's national squads at youth development phase.



**Mr Ryan Cresswell**  
Scholarship Coach

FA affiliated coach. Mr Cresswell currently holds the role of assistant manager at Parkgate FC. Before coaching, he was a professional footballer at Bury, Rotherham United, Southend, Fleetwood and most notably Northampton Town, who won promotion to League one. He went on to make over 400 career appearances.



**Mr Harry Watson**  
Scholarship Coach

FA affiliated coach. Mr Watson is currently studying a Bsc Sports Coaching Degree at Sheffield Hallam University. He has coached for over 5 years, experiencing times at Hull City Academy and currently working at Barnsley Women and the FA Women's High-Performance centre for South Yorkshire.

## Careers & Future Opportunities

As part of the scholarship programme, students will open the door to many different career pathways, including:

- Professional/semi-professional football
- US scholarships
- Professional coaching
- Professional officiating
- Strength and conditioning
- Physio and rehabilitation
- Performance analysis
- Business/sport management
- University and higher education
- Apprenticeships

*"Wath has been a fantastic addition to the National Football Youth League North Premier Women's Division. They pride themselves on high standards of professionalism, with player development and welfare at the core. It is a fantastic choice for players to develop their education and football in a supportive environment."*

**Louise Macey**  
National Football Youth League







# Success Stories

## Jamie McGinnes

Wath Academy student Jamie McGinnes secured a playing scholarship with Missouri Valley College, located close to Kansas City.

Our first male footballer to study abroad, Jamie – an external student from St Pius X – chose Wath due to its unique combination of A Levels and a football scholarship. After a successful first year, he became deputy head boy and completed his work experience with the Wath Academy coaching team.

Jamie’s commitment and dedication secured a highly sought after college scholarship while studying business.

## Jake Carter, Tom Ward and Lewis Gillott

Jake Carter, Tom Ward and Lewis Gillott, secured places at Parkgate’s, Sheffield FC’s and Worsborough Bridge’s youth set ups.

## Jade Butcher

Maltby Learning Trust student Jade Butcher secured a playing scholarship with the University of West Georgia, competing in the NCAA.

Jade was a crucial member of our first girls’ cohort. While representing Wath, she also played with Barnsley’s first XI, alongside studying at one of our trust schools, Maltby Academy.

A role model to all current and future scholars, Jade showed outstanding qualities to combine her excellent football provision with academic studies. Jade will certainly inspire others in this possible post-18 route.

## Luke Laird and Sam White

Sheffield FC signed Luke Laird and Sam White after successful trials.

The exit routes for these two players were into semi-professional football. Both Luke and Sam impressed while playing at Wath Academy Sixth Form and gaining experiences in their youth set up. They then progressed to the reserves and first team, making numerous appearances.



## Daisy Turton and Jade Beck

Daisy Turton and Jade Beck have recently become Level 2 coaches, after passing their assessment.

Daisy and Jade, part of our first girls’ cohort, showed exceptional levels of leadership and coaching qualities. This resulted in them assisting, leading and developing a successful FA Wildcats programme, a scheme designed to introduce girls aged 5–12 into football, and potentially create the next generation of Wath scholars.

“The girls who play alongside me are brilliant. They are supportive and make the training and games so enjoyable, making it a fun learning environment that everyone wants to be a part of. A highlight was when we won the first futsal tournament. At first, everyone was slightly nervous. However, we were determined to try and beat everyone – and we did. The atmosphere and the sheer delight of winning was incredible because it felt like we had all done it for each other.

I have had the opportunity to complete my Level 1 Coaching badge and I am currently doing the Level 2 badge. The scholarship has kindly provided me with the funds to do this along with many of my team mates. I am so grateful that I was introduced to coaching through this scholarship because it is something that I want to now pursue in the future and inspire the next generation of girls to take part in the beautiful game.”

**Daisy Turton**

# Find Out More

For more information about the Football Scholarship, pick up a flyer or contact [football@wathacademy.com](mailto:football@wathacademy.com). You can also follow the dedicated @Wath\_Scholars Twitter account or [wath\\_scholars](#) Instagram.







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