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Wath Academy



Wath
Academy
Sixth Form

Netball Scholarship

Specialising in the technical
game of netball alongside
A Level/vocational study



Wath Academy Netball: Our Vision

The Wath Academy Sixth Form Netball Scholarship programme aims to give students a professional introduction into netball. Netball at Wath Academy is delivered by England Netball-qualified coaches, who aim to inspire students to achieve netballing excellence. Our vision at Wath Academy is to ensure that each student develops in the key areas of netball that focuses on their development which then can be utilised on and off the court and within competitive match play between their peers.

"Being part of the Netball Scholarship has benefited me immensely, improving me as a netballer but also by helping me develop and grow as a person. Everything that the programme offers – such as the training sessions game programme, video analysis match preparation and the knowledge and experience of the coaches - is a great opportunity for anyone looking to challenge themselves."

"Being a part of the programme is a great for developing your netballing ability, but the best part is joining a fantastic team to play alongside great players that will push you and create friendships that will last a lifetime."

The Programme

The Netball Scholarship offered at Wath Academy Sixth Form is a specialist 16-18 netball programme that ensures all students access a first-class netball 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 England Netball Level 1 course. Netball Scholars also experience umpiring for Rotherham Schools Netball fixtures held at Wath Academy for year groups 7-10, also leading and supporting at the annual JMAT Primary Schools Netball Festival. Scholars access a high-quality netball provision working with Netball England-qualified coaches. The programme involves training on a daily basis with the scholarship coaching team this provides players with a fantastic opportunity to further develop their netball education and knowledge of the game.





Our Intent

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

Facilities

Netball Scholars have high access to high quality facilities on the wath academy campus to support each player in her individual development performance and learning.

Our facilities include:

- High-quality indoor netball court
- High-quality outdoor netball court
- Floodlit netball courts
- Strength and conditioning studio
- Structured training programme
- Video analysis classroom
- Match analysis
- Match preparation sessions

Competitions

Scholars compete in a variety of leagues and cups:

- South Yorkshire U16 schools
- AoC netball competitions
- Sisters n Sport National Netball Cup
- Private school friendlies
- Professional friendlies
- International fixtures and Tournaments abroad on tour





The Offer

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

The scholarship provides students with:

- A netball coaching programme delivered by England Netball Level 2 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
- Sportivo netball match coding software analysis
- Access to state-of-the-art facilities including a indoor and outdoor court
- A comprehensive league and competition structure on Wednesday afternoons
- Scholarship pathways in Australia/New Zealand
- Opportunities to participate in overseas tours
- Work experience opportunities

Coaches

Our Netball Scholars have the opportunity to access exceptional coaching from a highly skilled coaching team. We are privileged to have experienced and knowledgeable netball coaches who will guarantee student progression.



Mrs S Cunningham

Scholarship Coach

Mrs Cunningham has worked at Wath Academy for 25 years and during this time has been an integral part of the school netball teams from Y7-13, often managing and coaching Sixth Form teams. Mrs Cunningham began her playing and coaching career in Cardiff in the Premier League playing against players from all across the world. She was team manager and coach for South Glamorgan for a number of years and so has a wealth of experience at coaching at grassroots and higher levels. Many of the teams that she has coached have been successful in reaching the Rotherham Schools Netball Association Finals, often winning the tournament. Mrs Cunningham is also a Level C-qualified umpire for Netball England.



Miss E Greenfield

Scholarship Coach

Miss Greenfield has worked at Wath Academy for 13 years as a PE teacher. She is a qualified Level 2 England Netball Coach and has coached a range of netball teams across a variety of year groups, many reaching the Rotherham Schools Netball Association finals. Throughout the years, Miss Greenfield has also been part of organising and running a variety of netball tournaments as part of the qualifying rounds for the Rotherham Netball Finals. Miss Greenfield has played for the University of Chester in a variety of BUCS competitions as well as playing in the Exeter Netball League. Throughout the 2025/26 scholarship programme season, Miss Greenfield successfully guided the team, along with the support of Mrs Cunningham, to finish runners up of the Rotherham Schools Netball Association Finals and achieve an impressive third place in the AOC Sport Netball Yorkshire West League. The team's outstanding performance in our second year of running the scholarship programme highlights the strength and potential of our athletes both now and for the future of the netball teams.

Careers & Future Opportunities

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

- County/Superleague netball
- Australia scholarships
- Professional coaching
- Professional officiating
- Strength and conditioning
- Physio and rehabilitation
- Performance analysis business/sport management
- University and higher education
- Apprenticeships





Malta 2026

In March 2026 the Netball Scholarship Programme continued to go from strength to strength, highlighted by the recent tour to Malta.

During this incredible experience, our talented athletes competed against the Malta international squad, demonstrating exceptional skill levels and determination by scoring an impressive number of goals and securing multiple turnovers from centre passes within the game. Beyond the on-court success, the tour provided invaluable learning opportunities, exposing the Scholars to different styles of play and the demands of performing at a professional level. Immersed in a new culture, they developed greater resilience, strengthened their teamwork, and built lasting friendships with players from across seas. This unforgettable experience truly reflects the programme's commitment to developing both sporting excellence and well-rounded individuals. We look forward to continuing these experiences in the next upcoming tours.

Find Out More

For more information about the Netball Scholarship, pick up a flyer or contact egreenfield@wathacademy.com. You can also follow us on Instagram @wath_scholars.



Pick-up locations



Rotherham Route

- Ravenfield
- Maltby
- Wickersley
- Whiston
- Bawtry Road
- Greasbrough
- Hooton Roberts
- Thrybergh
- Swinton Train Station

Doncaster Route

- Doncaster
- Sprotbrough
- Edlington
- Conisbrough
- Hooton Roberts
- Thrybergh

Sheffield Route

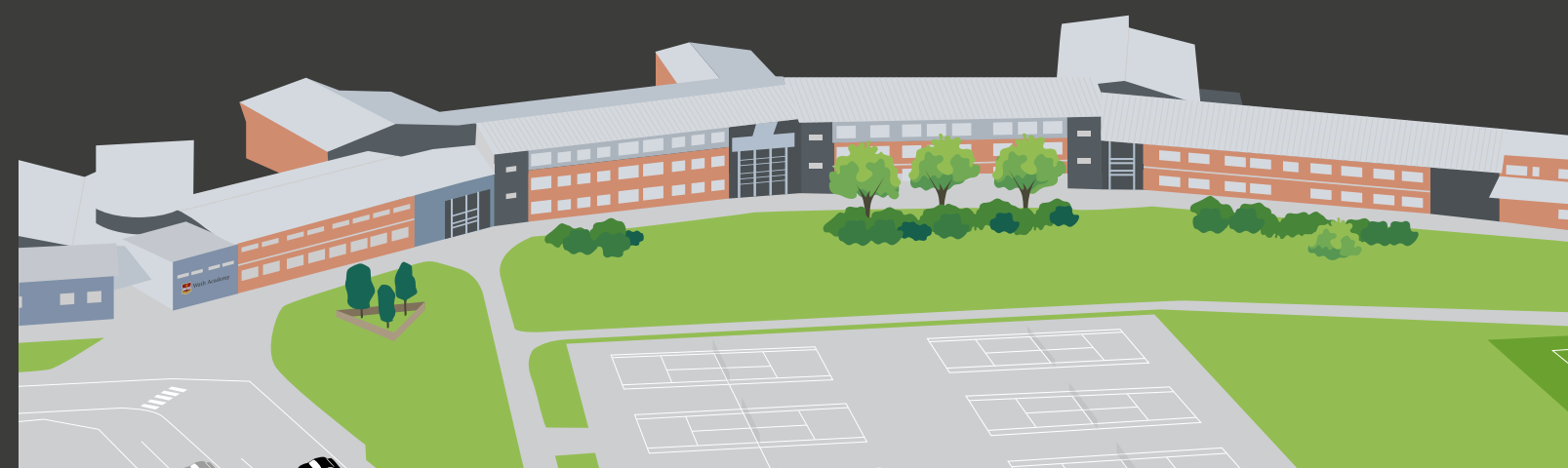
- Meadowhall Interchange
- Asda Chaucer
- Chapeltown
- Thorpe Hesley
- Greasbrough Coop

Barnsley Route

- Hoyland
- Birdwell
- Ardsley
- Darfield
- Great Houghton
- Goldthorpe
- Thurnscoe
- Bolton Upon Dearne



*Pick up locations are subject to student demand





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