



MALTBYLEARNINGTRUST

Exceptional Experiences. Successful Lives.



Wath
Academy
Sixth Form

Football Scholarship

Specialise in football alongside
A Level/Vocational Study



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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, while studying at a highly successful sixth form.

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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.

"The past two years of being on the scholarship programme has been an experience I'll never forget; it has helped me become the best version of myself not just as a player but as a person representing Wath Academy. There are a variety of opportunities put in place for this to be achieved such as outstanding training every week, in depth video analysis and match preparation sessions that reinforce the style of free-flowing football that is encouraged at Wath. I have received a level of coaching that has been first class and pivotal in my development. The programme helps create friendships that will last a lifetime whilst playing with a squad of high quality players that want to work hard for the team and bring the best of each other."

Louis Brown, 2023





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

- AoC Sport Yorkshire Men's Invitational & Championship
- 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
- ESFA U18 Super League
- Rotherham Schools Cup
- South Yorkshire Cup

Girls

- National Football Youth League
- ECFA Premier Women's League
- ESFA Girls Under 18 Schools' Trophy
- ESFA U18 Super League







"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



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 licenced 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

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 Lead of Football Development

UEFA A Licenced 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. Mr Flowers holds both a BSc and MSc Sport Coaching degrees. In February 2022, he took the role of Lead of Football Development, working across the Maltby Learning Trust to develop football across both our primary and secondary academies.



Mr Mark Smith Scholarship Coach

UEFA A Licenced Coach. Mr Smith currently works as Head of Coaching at Scunthorpe United after occupying roles as Academy Manager at Chesterfield and Loans Manager at Sheffield United. He made over 500 career appearances in the Football League including Barnsley, Sheffield Wednesday and Plymouth Argyle and received 5 England U21 caps.



Mr Josh Wain Scholarship Coach

Mr Wain is a UEFA B Licensed coach who is currently completing his UEFA A License. Mr Wain has an experienced background in Football and Education Scholarships after leading Chesterfield FC's F&E Programme and currently working at Sheffield United Academy. He holds a qualification in BSc (Hons) Applied Sport Science with Coaching from Northumbria University. Alongside this, he also holds qualifications in Futsal and Strength & Conditioning and Physical Education delivery.



Mr Ben Nicholson Scholarship Coach

Mr Nicholson is a UEFA A licensed coach. He has over 10 years' experience working across academy, non-league and U19's football. Mr Nicholson has held roles at Sheffield United, Chesterfield and Sheffield Wednesday. He has completed a BA in PE and Sports Coaching and a MSc in Strength & Conditioning. Mr Nicholson has experienced roles within sports science and performance analysis which allows a holistic approach to all players development.



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

First Team Captains

Men's

2018/19: Jamie Oliver

2019/20: Chris Powell

2020/21: Harrison Shaw

2021/22: Mackenzie Grierson

2022/23: Louis Brown

Women's

2019/20: Daisy Turton

2020/21: Daisy Turton

2021/22: Chloe Brammer

2022/23: Lucie Tinker

Player of the Year

Men's

2020/21: Harrison Shaw

2021/22: Joel Sorby

2022/23: Louis Brown

Women's

2020/21: Delia Hurdiss

2021/22: Liberty Shaw

2022/23: Eva Butler

Honours

Sheffield & Hallamshire County Football Association
College Flexi League 2018/19, 2021/22, 2022/23

ECFA Yorkshire & Humberside Men's League
Invitation A Winners 2018/19

Rotherham Schools Football Association Cup
Runners up 2019, 2021

Rotherham Schools Football Association 2nd XI Cup
Winners 2021/22, 2022/23

AoC Sport Men's Football Championship 2020/21

AoC Sport Yorkshire Women's Football League
2020/21, 2021/22

South Yorkshire Schools & College's Football
Association U18s Cup Semi-Finalists 2022

ESFA U18 Super League Women's
Semi-Finalists 2022/23

AoC Sport Yorkshire Men's Football Invitational
League A Winners 2022/23

"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.

Eva Butler

Eva Butler secured a place with Sheffield United Women U21 Academy after a successful trial during the first year of her Scholarship. She joined the sixth form from Thrybergh Academy and is now playing alongside players with the aim of breaking into the Barclays Women's Championship.

"I have been lucky enough to play with an amazing group of girls who have made every day an enjoyable environment to be a part in. I will never forget the football tour in Salou where we won all our games, toured the Camp Nou and bonded as a group on the beach, in the swimming pool and in our villas. I also had the opportunity to represent Wath as part of the National Football Youth League Representative Squad, playing at St. Georges Park against girls from the South.

The coaches have had a massive influence on me and have pushed me to be the best player I can be. I have learned a huge amount in my two years on the football programme about tactics, psychology and nutrition, as well as developing as a player. This has allowed me the opportunities to progress outside of school at Sheffield United. Alongside this, I've had plenty of opportunities to help out with coaching during football camps and events which I have found really helpful when looking towards future careers and university courses. Being on the scholarship has brought me so many great opportunities, memories and experiences that I will forever be thankful for."

Eva Butler

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.

Find Out More

For more information about the Football Scholarship, pick up a flyer or contact football@wathacademy.com. You can also follow the dedicated @Wath_Scholars Twitter account or [wath_scholars](#) Instagram.







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