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Exceptional Experiences. Successful Lives.



Wath  
Academy  
Sixth Form

# Rugby Union Scholarship

Specialise in rugby alongside  
A Level/Vocational study

# Wath Academy Rugby Union Scholarship:

## Our Vision

The Wath Academy Sixth Form Rugby Union Scholarship aims to ensure the delivery of world-class coaching which inspires every scholar to achieve excellence in rugby.

## The Programme

The Rugby Union Scholarship programme offered at Wath Academy Sixth Form is a specialist 16–18 programme delivering exceptional experiences to aspiring and talented rugby union players. It is a realistic pathway into semi-professional rugby, while studying at a highly successful Sixth Form. In short, the scholarship is an elite rugby union development programme that ensures all students access a first-class rugby experience in addition to their Post-16 education.

Therefore all players on the Rugby Union Scholarship Programme undertake A Levels or equivalent Vocational subjects, with further possibilities to acquire work-based qualifications, such as the England Rugby Coaching Award. Scholars access a high quality Rugby Union 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 rugby union education and knowledge of the game.







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## Our Intent

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

## Competitions

Scholars will compete in a range of cup and league competitions whilst participating in the Association of Colleges Rugby Union League and associated cups.



## Facilities

Rugby union scholars have access to high quality facilities on the Wath Academy campus to support each player in their individual development, performance and learning.

### Our facilities include:

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





## The Offer

All those enrolled onto the scholarship programme undertake A Levels or Applied qualifications alongside their Rugby Union Programme:

### The scholarship provides students with:

- A Rugby Union coaching programme delivered by experienced coaches and current professionals
- Training through the week, including match analysis, strength and conditioning, rehab and recovery and technical/tactical sessions
- Veo camera technology, recording games
- PlayerTek GPS software throughout the programme
- Access to state-of-the-art training facilities, including floodlit 3G pitch to support winter training
- A comprehensive league and competition structure on Wednesday afternoons
- Opportunities to participate in overseas tours
- Work experience opportunities







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# Coaches

Our Rugby Union Scholars will have access to exceptional coaching from a highly skilled coaching team. We are privileged to have experienced and knowledgeable Rugby Union coaches that will guarantee student progression.



**Mr Ryan Burrows**  
Rugby Development Manager

Level 2 RFU Coach. Mr Burrows is a Wath Academy alumnus and current professional rugby player at Coventry RFC. He has amassed over 300 professional games and has a wealth of experience and knowledge, having played at Rotherham Titans, Leeds Carnegie and Newcastle Falcons. In total, he has played over 17,000 minutes of professional rugby, scoring 40 tries. Mr Burrows currently works with Coventry U23s, while assisting with Coventry's RFC 1st XV.



**Mr Gary Bramhall**  
Head Coach

Mr Bramhall is a qualified Level 2 RFU Coach with over 10 years' experience of coaching age grade rugby. He is a dual code coach. In 2021, he helped Dearne Valley Bulldogs U13s to win their league undefeated. In 2023, as head coach, he led Rotherham Phoenix Colts to win their league, again undefeated. He is currently Wath Colts' head coach and works with Wath's XI team to help players transition from junior to men's rugby.



**Mr Simon Lines**  
Assistant Head Coach

Mr Lines has worked at Wath Academy for 13 years and has coached school teams extensively throughout that time, as well as assisting in junior representative rugby. He has played for Wath RUFC for numerous years, playing more games and captaining the club more than anyone in their history. Having successfully led the team as a player, Mr Lines took over as Wath RUFC Director of Rugby in 2015 and led the team to National Vase success at Twickenham in 2018.







## Careers & Future Opportunities

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

- Professional/semi-professional rugby
- Professional coaching
- Professional officiating
- Strength and conditioning
- Physio and rehabilitation
- Performance analysis
- Business/sport management
- University and higher education
- Apprenticeship









## Find Out More

For more information about the Rugby Union Scholarship, contact [rugby@wathacademy.com](mailto:rugby@wathacademy.com)







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