



WORKSOP COLLEGE

Girls' Football Academy



In partnership with
Jill Scott MBE



The place to excel

A broad-ability school educating children aged 2-18, our focus is firmly on progress, recognising that every child has his or her own set of skills and abilities - whether academic, sporting, musical or otherwise. We want our children to be the best they can be. If destined to join one of the world's finest universities, here is where they will flourish. If an outstanding sportsperson, here is where they will hone their skills. A talented artist or musician, here is where they will perfect their craft - and if these talents are yet to be revealed, here is where they'll be discovered. We are a remarkable school in a stunning setting with exceptional facilities and a talented teaching staff. And at our school, what matters is the individual, their aspirations and their future.

Come and visit us, we're looking forward to meeting you and your family.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Price'.

Dr John Price
Headmaster
Worksop College

Sporting legacy

We have a long history of sporting excellence at Worksop College, boasting talented alumni across a variety of sports. In recent years, this includes three GB Hockey internationals at Tokyo 2020 including captain, Adam Dixon, plus Joe Root, current England Test Cricket Captain.

Worksop College is excited to extend its elite sporting offer to include Association Football (Soccer) headed by former professional footballer Paul Wilkinson, who has played and coached at the highest level.



Partnering with Jill Scott MBE

- Most capped English International Footballer at World Cup Finals
- Most Appearances of any player in the Women's Super League
- Man City WSL Championship and FA Cup winner
- England Lioness 153 caps and counting
- 2 x Olympian, lioness, role model, MBE
- Partnerships with Veo and Playermaker for analytics

Jill Scott will take an active role in planning, delivery and recruiting for the WGFA as she looks to build a lasting legacy for girls and women's football in the UK.



Why football – why now?

At WCGFA and JS8 we believe there is a genuine need for a football product that is linked with quality education. – readdressing a balance that sees the focus heavily weighted towards the men's game in terms of media coverage, coaching and finance.

- Women's football is the fastest growing sport in the UK and with that comes some challenges.
- There are weaknesses and strengths in the women's game around the age of 16 that need addressing such as opportunity, provision and the notion of dual career options.
- For girls in the RTC process, the product is generally good (but lack of funding can still create a disparity between here and the men's equivalent) but the gap to girls grass roots is large, and these talented girls or girls released from the RTC process, do not have the contact time on the pitch and level of coaching required to make the transition to the next level.
- WGFA and JS8 bridges that gap - supporting the women's game by providing highly talented girls from around the world an opportunity to experience a high performance environment during their education.



Football across the region

Worksop has a unique geography, and the local area is full of possibilities for an aspiring female footballer. All levels of the game are covered within a close radius of the school; specifically the women's teams locally who play in the top three divisions in the country.

- Leicester City Women's FC - FA Women's Super League
- Birmingham City Women's FC - FA Women's Super League
- Sheffield United Women FC - FA Women's Championship
- Nottingham Forest Women FC - FA Women's National League - Northern Premier Division
- Doncaster Rovers Belles LFC - FA Women's National League - Northern Premier Division
- Derby County FC Ladies - FA Women's National League - Northern Premier Division
- Loughborough Lightning FC - FA Women's National League - Northern Premier Division
- Sheffield FC Ladies - FA Women's National League - Northern Premier Division



Governance and Delivery



Paul Wilkinson Academy Director

- 650 Professional English League appearances
- 196 Goals
- 4 England u21 appearances
- UEFA Pro Licence
- UEFA A licence
- Coaching experience at Leeds, Cardiff, Sheffield Wednesday, Barnsley and Norwich

Managing programme development and delivery, the Academy Director will guide the development of the organisation's playing and coaching philosophy and design the coaching curriculum.

Acting as a strategic advisor, the Director performance manages all aspects of the Academy, including conducting an annual self-assessment of the Academy's achievements, on-going monitoring and annual evaluations of the individual player and the establishment of appropriate player exit routes.



**BOLD AND
AMBITIOUS**
INQUISITIVE + THOUGHTFUL
**SUPPORTIVE
YET CHALLENGING**



The right support network

Coaching Staff

- Minimum UEFA B qualification
- The FA Introduction to First Aid in Football (IFA1F) Award
- FA Safeguarding Award
- FA/Education Disclosure Barring Service Certificate
- Minimum 5-hours (per academic year) CPD training
- Enhanced DBS and internal Workshop College Safeguarding training delivered by the Safeguarding Lead

Students

- We accept approximately 25-30 football students per two-year Academy cycle
- We will take approximately 15 students in the first year
- Recruitment and selection of students is based on technical competencies, physical literacy and academic suitability
- Day or Boarding provision
- International students welcomed

Opportunities to grow and develop

We have the sporting and educational infrastructure to provide excellent formal education provision for Academy Players in the Under 17 and Under 18 age groups. This will be delivered principally onsite.

With purpose-built facilities and as part of an integrated, flexible weekly programme, the formal education delivery employs a mixture of fully qualified in-house staff and external experts. This allows the flexibility for coaches to implement a curriculum to suit the particular needs of each academy player.

The full-time Head of Athletic Development manages each player's Strength & Conditioning, creating a training programme that complements and supports development.

There is also the opportunity to acquire the English Football Association Level 1 Coaching Certificate as part of learning and academic qualifications to allow access to university in the UK and overseas. The programme is designed for players who want to become elite footballers whilst at the same time want access to an excellent further education (16+)



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Established systems

As part of an exciting and extensive fixture programme, participants will develop their skills through a variety of playing opportunities. These include:

- The school league system
- Friendly fixtures with local and regional clubs
- Periodic games against professional football academies, development centres, shadow squads and non-league age group teams
- Participation in tours and tournaments

Pupils will specialise through the English Football Association's 'four corner model', which enabled England to win u17 and u21 World Cups.

“The teachers are inspiring and make learning interesting”
Will Harding-Terry (2014-2019)

Education and qualifications

Open to 16-18 year olds, the 2 -year programme (starting September 2022) is an education and football development opportunity that leads to a level 3 National Extended Diploma in Sports and Exercise Science, which is equivalent to three A levels.

A Levels will also be available (studied principally in the mornings) to ensure all players are encouraged to value formal education alongside footballing aspirations.

These qualifications offer access to higher education systems worldwide.

Complementary qualifications may include:

- FA Level 1 Coaching Certificate
- FA Talent ID Level 1
- Basic First Aid in Sport
- FA Safeguarding Children in Football



Delivery

A carefully-crafted timetable supports pupils to manage their academic studies alongside a robust and rigorous training schedule.

Time/Day	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Am (9.00 – 13.00)	Education	Education	Education	Education	Education	Fixture	off
Pm (14.00 – 17.00)	Football	Football	Football	Football	Football	off	off

- Core Coaching Time 14.00 pm - 17.00 pm (2 x 90-minute periods) on Mondays to Fridays, including a robust fixture programme.
- “Individual Learning Plans” will determine additional coaching outside of the main framework.
- The Football Coaching programme will cover the academic year. Holidays may be used for extra fixtures, tours and pre season.

Supporting gifted & talented academy players

ENTRY

- The academy has learning conditions applicable to professional football clubs

DEVELOPING

- Players are reviewed termly and screened against clear criteria
- Reviews are used to identify exceptional achievement
- Succession planning systems provides a tracking process

ELITE

- Specific criteria used to identify the continued development of academy players within their football and education.
- The use of a broad range of quantitative and qualitative data (observations/game stats)
- The ILP is supported by a comprehensive monitoring, progress planning and reporting system which all staff regularly share and contribute to.





Post Academy Pathways

A carefully-crafted individual player pathway is developed for each pupil, offering opportunities into professional football, alternative career pathways as well as a host of higher education possibilities.

Football and Education pathways

- English Professional Football Clubs and development squads
- English National League teams
- Trials/assessments with Worksop College networks, i.e. Sheffield United RTC
- US Collegiate Scholarship
- UK Undergraduate Courses at reputable women's football universities e.g Loughborough University
- The academic qualifications gained allow access to a variety of university courses and career derivatives

“Worksop College prepares you for life and has fully supported me as a pathway athlete”

Emma Tonge (2018–2021)

How to apply

How do I join the Worksop
Girls Football Academy?

Membership of the Football
Academy is open only to pupils of
Worksop College and applications
to the school are managed by the
Admissions Team.

Get in touch to find out more.

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