



WORKSOP COLLEGE

Football Academy

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 several sporting greats across various sports. This includes four current GB Hockey internationals (including captain, Adam Dixon) in our alumni as well as the current England Cricket Captain, Joe Root.

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



Football across the region

Worksop has a unique geography, and the local area is full of possibilities for an aspiring football player. All levels of the game are covered within a close radius of the school; from all 4 Football League divisions, to steps 1-5 of the largely semi-professional non-league game. This allows the Worksop College Football Academy player (through the Academy Director and fixture programme) to access clubs and pathways of the appropriate level.



Tier 1



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Tier 2



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Tier 3



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Tier 4



Tier 5



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Tier 6



Tier 7



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Tier 8

UK Professional Football Network

As mentioned previously, the following diagram of the English Football League Pyramid, further contextualises the levels available to a Worksof College player.



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.



The right support network

Coaching Staff

- Minimum UEFA B qualification
- The FA Introduction to First Aid in Football (IFAiF) 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 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.

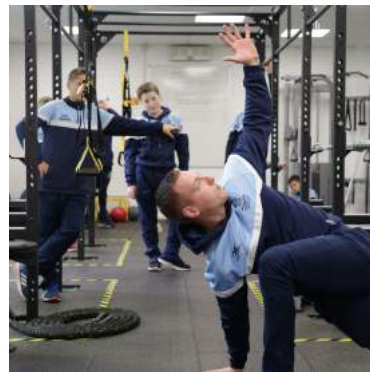
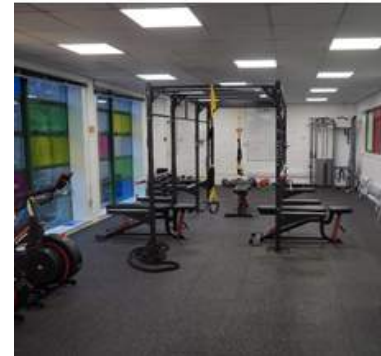
With purpose-built facilities and as part of an integrated, flexible weekly programme, the formal education delivery employs a mixture of fully qualified in-house staff and external experts. This allows the flexibility for coaches to implement a curriculum to suit the particular needs of each Academy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

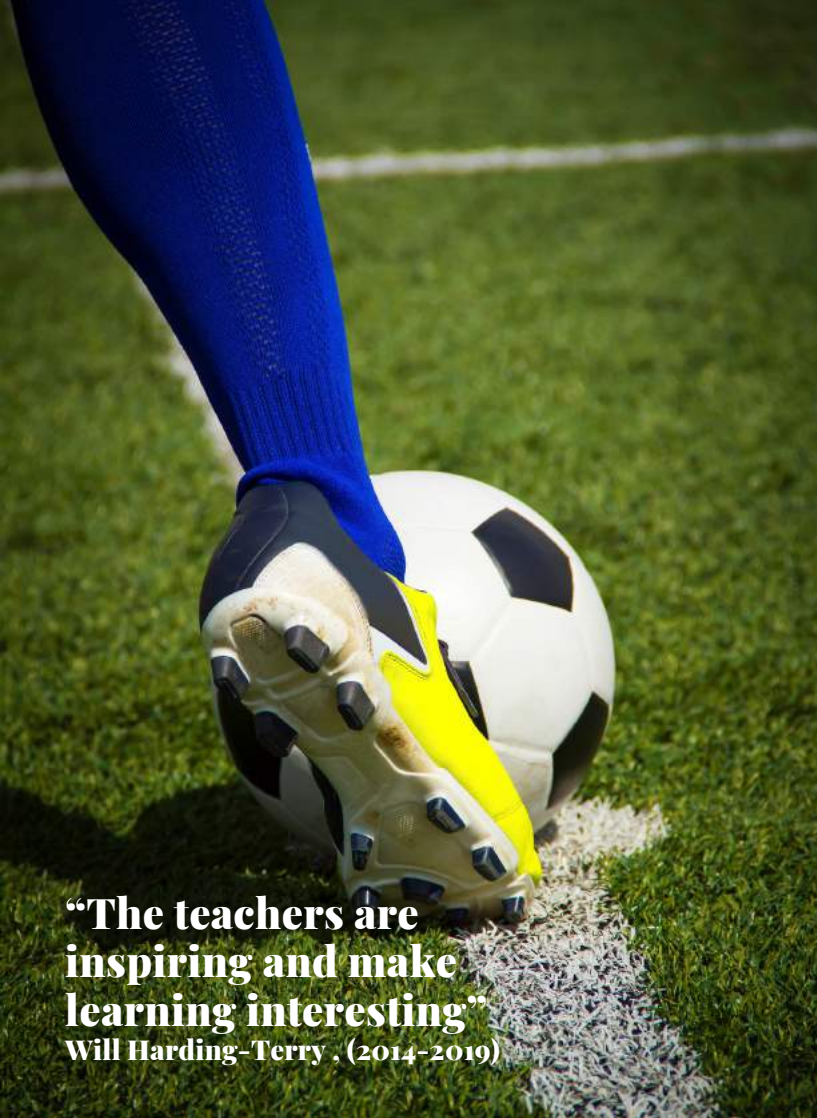
The full-time Head of Athletic Development manages each player's Strength & Conditioning, creating a training programme that complements and supports development.

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

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.



Education and qualifications

Open to 16-18 year olds, the 2 -year programme (starting September 2021) is a 50/50 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. This qualification offers access to higher education systems worldwide.

Complementary qualifications 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 – 12.00)	Education	Education	Education	Education	Education	Fixture	off
Pm (13.30 – 17.00)	Football	Football	Football	Football	Football	off	off

- Core Coaching Time 13.30 am - 17.00 pm (2 x 90-minute periods) on Mondays to Fridays, including fixtures on Saturday or Sunday.
- “Individual Learning Plans” will determine additional coaching outside the main body of the coaching schedule.
- The Football Coaching programme will cover the academic year with holidays also holding the potential to be used for football purposes, such as fixtures, trips and tours.



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 pathways

- English Professional Football Clubs - u23 development squads
- English National League teams
- Trials/assessments with Worksop College networks, i.e. Barnsley Football Club
- International trials i.e. St Andrew's FC (Malta)
- International work placements

Education pathways

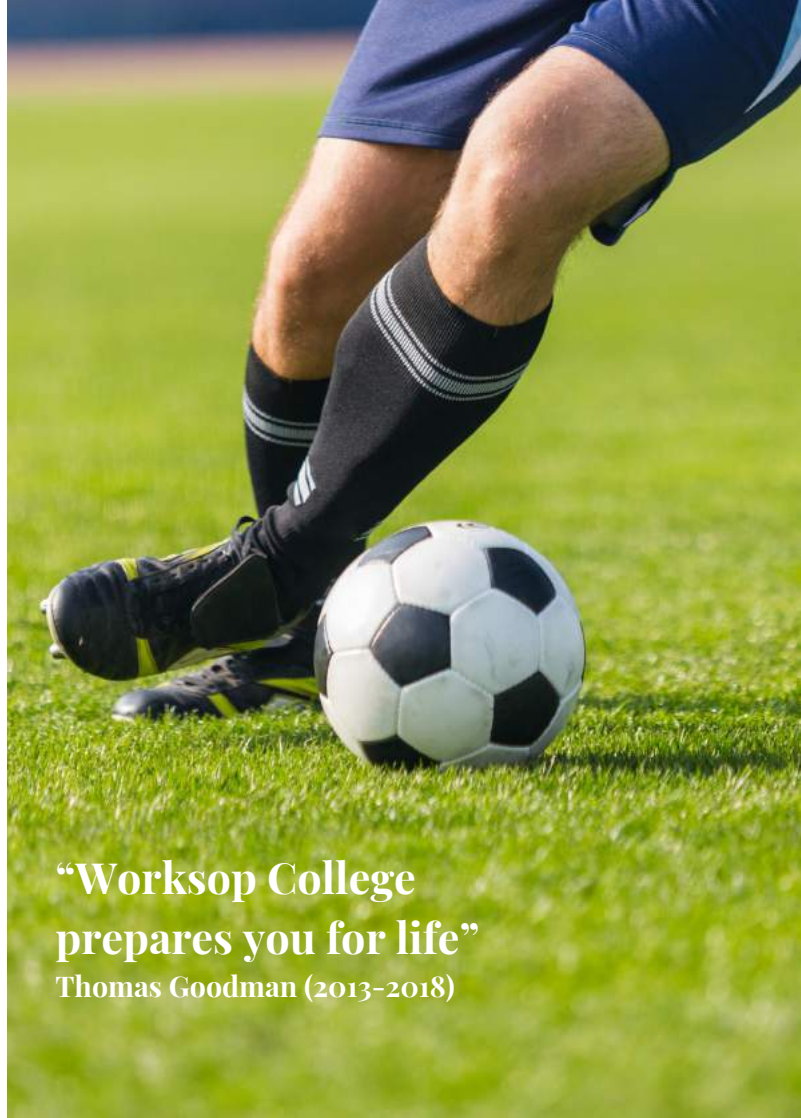
- Undergraduate University programmes in the UK and abroad
- US scholarships to university
- UK/International work placements
- The BTEC qualification gained allows access to a variety of sport and exercise science courses and career derivatives

How to apply

Membership of the Football Academy is open only to pupils of Worksop College. The Admissions Team manages applications to the school.

To discuss entry criteria, fees and school life, please get in touch with our friendly Admissions team, who can talk you through the process, organise an in-person or virtual tour and advise on the next steps.

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**“Worksop College
prepares you for life”**

Thomas Goodman (2013-2018)



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