



# Ellesmere College Cricket Academy

## The philosophy of the Cricket Academy is one that focuses on individual development and seeks to get the best out of each player.

Ellesmere College Cricket Academy is very much about providing playing and practice opportunities and exposure to a cricket pathway for both boys and girls from total beginners into school teams and clubs, to county and beyond, to professional level.

- Past players have played at professional level, the UI5 England selection event 'The Bunbury Festival', represented professional club academies and MCC University academies.
- Ellesmere College is named in the Top 100 Schools in the UK for Cricket by the Cricketer Magazine.
- The School annually has players (boys and girls) representing Wales, Shropshire, Cheshire, Staffordshire, and N.E. Wales.
- National team achievements have included being Regional Champions (Midlands) and Semi Finalists of the national U14 ESCA/ECB National Competition, U15 Lady Taverner's national Indoor Finals and the later stages of the HMC National T20 competition.

Cricket is an integral and inclusive part of the sports provision at Ellesmere College. The Cricket Academy provides an environment where young players, irrespective of their ability, strive to achieve their full potential by providing a comprehensive coaching programme and a 'Team Ellesmere Culture' of self-improvement. Enjoyment is an absolute priority in an aspirational team environment that encourages our players to be leaders and independent thinkers. Where players display a positive attitude to cricket our coaches facilitate a growth mindset looking to provide exposure to challenging cricket experiences that allow for independent facilitated accelerated learning to take place through continuous meaningful practice. Thus, the Cricket Academy believes it is so important to develop the above characteristics and attributes as it is the players that have to go onto the pitch to perform their skills and tactics.

## The Cricket Academy includes a Winter Training Phase and a Summer Fixtures Programme which involves the following:

#### Winter Phase

Practical review of all the factors that affect performance (technique, fitness and psychological aspects) from the previous season and target setting for the coming summer fixtures. Summer Fixtures Programme

Focuses on game management (tactics and psychological aspects) and reinforcement of technical development

Technical coaching to support the target setting opportunities to develop fitness.

## The Cricket Academy is very much involved in the local community including the following:

- Use of pitches by local cricket clubs
- Shropshire Cricket Board have held their Coaches Conference at Ellesmere College
- ECB Coaching courses
- Shropshire and District County Winter Training
- Shropshire and District County matches

- County Camps e.g. Staffordshire;
- Girls Cricket festivals
- Kwik Cricket and 'Chance to Shine' festivals
- Summer cricket holiday courses
- Facilities hired to a number of local cricket clubs



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### **Facilities**

- Four Lane Indoor nets, with ample room for run ups
- Additional indoor space available for use throughout the year
- Outdoor grass nets with an additional six artificial nets
- Three Grass squares as well as an artificial wicket
- Bowling machines
- Fitness Centre and Performance Weights Rooms
- 25m Swimming Pool
- 6 Artificial Outdoor Nets

### **Cricket Scholarships**

Cricket Scholarships are available on an assessment basis for players keen to develop and nurture their game in a professional environment. If you want to know more, why not book a Taster Day and Assessment using the contact details below.

## Pathway to Professional Cricket Academies

Ellesmere College is ideally situated for cricket players to access the different levels of representative cricket available. If a player is good enough there is an established platform that allows them to progress from academy to professional player.

## **Cricket Development Progression Routes**



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