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ACADEMY OF SPORT
at **Coventry College**

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It's not about choosing between studying and sport, at Coventry College you can do both!







WHAT IS THE ACADEMY OF SPORT?

Our Academies offer learners the opportunity to enrol onto a subject of their choice, whilst also training and playing their preferred sport regularly. Our academies are designed to continually develop learners within their respective sports, to stretch and challenge within a professional environment with a clear focus on training, analysis, performance and competitive matches.

DEVELOP YOUR SKILLS
IN A **PROFESSIONAL**
SPORTING ENVIRONMENT



ACADEMY OF SPORT

The background of the image is a large indoor sports arena. The floor is a vibrant green, likely artificial turf. Above the field, a complex network of dark metal beams and trusses forms the roof structure, with some light filtering through. The overall atmosphere is one of a vast, open space dedicated to sports.

**SPORT HAS THE
POWER TO CHANGE
THE WORLD. IT HAS
THE POWER TO
INSPIRE. IT HAS THE
POWER TO UNITE
PEOPLE IN A WAY
THAT LITTLE
ELSE DOES.**

Nelson Mandela



HOW DOES IT WORK?

In order to gain a place on an **Academy of Sport** programme, you will have to shine at our trial days. Trials are held regularly throughout the academic year to find new talent for the following academic year. If you get through the trials stage, you will be formally invited to apply for the **Academy of Sport**.

As well as studying sport, with a focus on your chosen area, you'll study an academic subject alongside playing and training. This means that you'll get the best of both worlds! By being able to play and develop at a competitive level, you'll improve your skills and get a taste of a professional sporting career. Continuing to study academically leaves you with more options once you complete your programme.

ACADEMIES AT COVENTRY COLLEGE



RUGBY

Established in 2006, our **Academy of Rugby** is the longest running of our academies. You'll take part in weekly training sessions as well as strength and conditioning, game analysis, fitness testing, physiotherapy and competitive fixtures.

Our unique partnerships and scholarship opportunities mean you'll have plenty of progression pathways to both the professional and semi-professional environments.



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RUGBY EDUCATION PROGRAMME

RUGBY ACADEMY PATHWAYS

- RUGBY UNION PATHWAY
- FEMALE RUGBY UNION PATHWAY





FOOTBALL

The **Academy of Football** has been running since 2010.

By taking part in weekly training, strength and conditioning, game analysis, fitness testing and competitive fixtures you'll develop the skills and knowledge to carve out a successful future as a sporting professional.

You'll play in the EFL Community and Education Football Alliance League. Plus, work placement opportunities in the sports sector mean you'll develop relevant employability skills and experience.



BASKETBALL



The newest of our three academies, the **Academy of Basketball** was launched in 2023 and is delivered in partnership with Coventry Tornadoes. Our team, compete in the Association of Colleges under-19s league where they have seen great success over the last few years.

As a member of the Basketball Academy, you'll join the squad and take part in regular training, competitive fixtures and strength and conditioning work to help prepare you for a successful sporting career.



**SUCCESS IS NO
ACCIDENT. IT IS HARD
WORK, PERSEVERANCE,
LEARNING, STUDYING,
SACRIFICE AND MOST
OF ALL, LOVE OF WHAT
YOU ARE DOING OR
LEARNING TO DO.**

Pele



OUR COACHES

Our **Academy of Sport** coaches are experts in their fields and come with a wealth of experience. From playing their sport professionally to currently coaching at a high level, there aren't many other people you'd want in strength and conditioning, game analysis, fitness testing and physio support.

Our Rugby coaches are RFU Level 3 and 4 qualified and our Football coaches are UEFA A qualified. Many of our coaches have played in professional premier leagues and represented their country at international level. Our coaches are also medically trained and have strength and conditioning qualifications.



ACADEMY OF SPORT



**OUR TOP FACILITIES
AND PROFESSIONAL
COACHES CREATE A
WINNING FORMULA.**



OUR FACILITIES

You'll undertake your training at the **Alan Higgs Centre** - a state-of-the-art sports facility which boasts a 50-metre Olympic swimming pool, newly refurbished sports courts a fully equipped gym, as well as indoor and outdoor 3G pitches. You'll also have the opportunity to use our partners' dedicated fitness rooms.



OUR ACHIEVEMENTS

We've got a reputation for identifying and developing exciting new talent. Several of our **Academy of Rugby** players are currently playing for English Premiership teams and our **Academy of Football** coaches have worked with players now playing for teams in the Premier League.

MEN'S RUGBY

- 2015 AoC Sport Rugby Union College of the Year
- 2016 and 2017 AoC Regional 7s Winners
- 2019 Portugal Youth Festival Semi Finalists
- 2019 AoC Sport Elite League Semi Finalists
- 2019 AoC Regional League Winners

MEN'S FOOTBALL

- 2018 West Midlands County Cup Winners
- 2019 West Midlands County Cup Winners





PREMIERSHIP RUGBY

- **Josh McNulty** – Gloucester & Harlequins
- **Antonio Harris** – Wasps Rugby

RFU NATIONAL LEAGUE 1

- **Pierre Ferre** – Coventry Rugby
- **Sam McNulty** – Coventry Rugby & Birmingham Moseley
- **Joe Foreman** – Coventry Rugby & Birmingham Moseley
- **Isaac McNulty** – Birmingham Moseley
- **Harry Barnes** – Birmingham Moseley Rugby
- **Jack English** – Birmingham Moseley
- **Freddie Painter** – Birmingham Moseley
- **Jack Edwards** – Hull RFC

PREMIERSHIP ACADEMY

- **Harry English** – Midlands Central U18 Academy
- **Joe Farmer** – Wasps U18 Academy
- **Jack English** – Wasps U18 Academy
- **Jamal Gask-Clarke** – U18 Wasps Academy

SCHOLARSHIP ACHIEVEMENTS

- **Tyler Price** – Bishop Burton College
- **Tom Keay**

REPRESENTATIVE RUGBY

- **Sam Everett** – England Counties U18
- **Jamal Gask-Clarke** – England 7s Development



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