





# THE CRICKETER SCHOOLS GUIDE 2022: TOP 100 SENIOR SCHOOLS

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Welcome to the Yorkshire Cricket College, and thanks for taking the time to consider our college as you continue your academic journey. This prospectus will give you an overview of what being a student with us looks like. We will share some of the unique opportunities only our learners can experience as well as an overview of the two courses that we run at the college - the NCFE level 3 in Sport and the new BTEC level 3 in Business and how sporting excellence is built into the timetable.

Our principal aim is to provide the best possible education for our leaners. Small class sizes enable our tutors to spend quality time working with their students, ensuring they are fulfilling their potential during the two-year programme.

The low staff to student ratios continue into the practical sessions. Our level 3 coaching team have years of experience and ensure that training is always engaging and focusing on the holistic development of our learners.

At the Yorkshire Cricket College, we strive to provide a rounded experience where our students grow academically, opening doors to higher education or a successful career. We aim to develop their cricketing ability and understand that the harder they work, the more rewarding their achievements will be. Finally, we help students know their best options and next steps after graduation.

These pathways will of course vary, however through work experience inside Yorkshire Cricket, regular tutorials and Q&A sessions with a variety of speakers, our students leave us well-informed and more equipped for adult life than they were when they walked through the doors for the first time.

Don't just take my word for it though, come and see for yourselves at one of our open days.

Nick Robinson

Head of the Yorkshire Cricket College



"When Matthew came to choosing his higher education options, it was clear that extra inspiration to study may be required! As Cricket is his passion and he was desperate to improve, the option of combining his studies with his passion was just what was needed. We have used Pro Coach previously, so knew that the level of coaching he would receive would be first class. As a parent I like the fact that if they do not hand in assignments on time they cannot train/play cricket that week. This saves me being the one doing the nagging! A great option for sporty students who have the ability but maybe just not the application."

- Parent of Yorkshire Cricket College student

#### We are SCL

Official education partners of Yorkshire Cricket College, SCL are one of the UK's leading independent providers of education through sport, with a proven track record and over 15 years' experience in engaging, educating and developing young people.

Your experience with SCL is designed with you at the centre, giving you the best chance to succeed.

Our highly qualified and passionate teachers are specialists in delivery of NCFE and BTEC learning in a sporting environment, with extensive experience in teaching and guiding young people. Our programmes

are built on our sporting excellence framework, with proven progression routes into the world of sports.

"The courses at the Yorkshire Cricket College are 2-year programmes equating to three A-levels at the end of the second academic year. This allows our learners to be eligible for a variety of exit routes such as University, apprenticeships and the world of work."

- Chloe Precious, College Tutor

# **Sport and Physical Activity**

#### NCFF LEVEL 3 EXTENDED DIPLOMA

2 year, level 3 qualification in Sport with cricket and gvm built into the timetable

Up to 168 UCAS points available (equivalent to 3 A-Levels)

Upon successful completion, learners may be eligible to progress to HE degrees in sport (or other subject areas)

Study 19 diverse units that touch all aspects of sport

100% internally assessed through portfolio, coursework, and practical assessment



#### Example modules:

The physiology of fitness

Current issues in sport

Fitness training and programming

Leadership in sport

Work experience in sport

Business in sport

Sport development

Applied strength and conditioning

Personal and professional development

Sports coaching

Exercise, health and lifestyle

Technical and tactical skills in sports

Analysis of sports performance

Practical team sports

Sports nutrition

Psychology for sports performance

Principles of anatomy and physiology

NCFF QUALIFICATION

100% PASS RATE

56% DISTINCTION OR DIST. \*

UNIVERSITY PROGRESSION



#### STUDY ABROAD

YEARLY TRIPS TO SOUTH AFRICA TO TRAIN AND



#### GRADUATE DESTINATIONS

BEHAVIOURAL SCIENCES, SPORTS COACHING, SPORT AND EXERCISE SCIENCE, SPORTS BUSINESS, SPORTS MARKETING, P.E. TEACHING

## **Business**

#### BTEC LEVEL 3 NATIONAL EXTENDED **DIPLOMA**

2 year, level 3 qualification in Business with cricket and gym built into the timetable Up to 168 UCAS points available (equivalent to 3 A-Levels)

Progression to HE degrees in multiple areas Study a range of units that encompass the world of business

Access to inspirational speakers and work experience inside the Yorkshire Cricket network Assessments include coursework, presentations and exams



#### Key topics include:

**Exploring Business** 

Developing a Marketing Campaign

Personal and Business Finance

Event Management

International Business

Principles of Management

Business Decision Making

Team Building in Business

Digital Marketing

Pitching for New Business



QUALIFICATION

A LEVELS EQUIVALENT

HOURS SPORTING EXCELLENCE

PER ACADEMIC YEAR

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES** 



#### STUDY ABROAD

YEARLY TRIPS TO SOUTH AFRICA TO TRAIN AND



#### YCCC OPPORTUNITIES

OF RELEVANT SECTORS ACROSS YORKSHIRE COUNTY CRICKET CLUB.



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# The Cricket HEALTHY BODY, HEALTHY MIND

One look at the college timetable will tell you the importance we place on cricket development. Students enjoy six hours per week of practical delivery that aims to improve them both as cricketers and athletes. This holistic approach allows our ECB level 3 qualified coaches to focus on physical, technical, psychological and social growth of all our learners.

Based at Headingley stadium's indoor Cricket Centre, our students benefit from world class training facilities and equipment. Throughout preseason, the college often shares the centre with the Yorkshire CCC pro squad honing their skills ahead of the season. The opportunity to observe and interact with professional players provides a unique insight into the commitment and determination required to make it to the top of the game.

Our groups follow the training pattern of the professional players; fitness testing, strength and conditioning and video analysis play a key role in improving performance and achieving SMART targets set at the start of the academic year. April to June is game time, playing every week against a variety of opposition including the MCC, Northern Diamonds, Myerscough College, St Peters in York and Queen Ethelburgas to name a few.

"The Yorkshire Cricket College provides the perfect environment for a player-centric approach to training and learning. Each player is shown how to develop their own technical, tactical, mental and physical elements of cricket. We help all players find a good balance between studies, training and work. We understand the demands of growing up in the modern world and want each and every student to be able to flourish here at College."

- Matt Green, Head College Coach





# The only bad workout is the one you didn't do



# No Cricket? No Problem.

The learning environment created at the Yorkshire Cricket College is without question unique and provides our learners with everything they need to succeed in the academic studies. Furthermore, the opportunities that both the NCFE Level 3 in Sport and BTEC Level 3 in Business offer after graduating provide the springboard to multiple pathways.

Although based at one of the most iconic cricket grounds in the world, we also provide opportunities for students looking to gain a level 3 qualification who aren't cricketers. Whilst the academic side of the course will remain the same, non-cricketing learners will utilise the Gym Group facility, just a five-minute walk from the stadium. This opens the college up to students who want to focus on physical development tailored to their sport of choice.

The college's fitness coaches will design and deliver bespoke training plans, tailored to the requirements of each learner. You will become a member of the Gym Group in Headingley, and a second membership at a Gym Group gym closer to home. An exciting opportunity to work or either sport specific or general fitness for the two years you study with us.

"Our partnership with the Gym Group enables the college to provide an opportunity for students who specialise in other sports to study with us and continue their athletic development as part of their timetable."

- Kieran Rogers, College Strength & Conditioning Coach



## The Facilities

Based at the world famous Headingley Cricket Ground, it's hard to imagine a more inspiring learning environment for students at the Yorkshire Cricket College.

#### Classrooms in the Carnegie Pavilion

Our classrooms are located on the 4th floor of the Carnegie Pavilion, overlooking the ground. Students have access directly from their classroom onto a balcony where they can enjoy an elevated view of the world famous Headingley outfield. This gives them the opportunity to observe and learn from Yorkshire CCC training and watch matches being played on the pitch. A truly unique learning environment.

#### **Outdoor Training**

We use 3 local cricket grounds for summer training and matches. New Rover CC – former home of the Yorkshire Academy, New Rover is one of the most prestigious club grounds in Yorkshire with former Yorkshire CCC head groundsman, Keith Boyce looking after the pitches. Kirkstall Educational CC – Just a 5 minute walk from Headingley Stadium, Kirkstall Educational CC provides one of the best wickets in the area for both training and match days. Adel CC – a quintessential club cricket ground located just outside Headingley. Adel is a picturesque venue for college training and a superb location for match days.

#### Gvm Group

All college students will use the brand new Gym Group facility in the centre of Headingley. Athletic development is a strong area of focus for our learners and the gym provides a superb environment to train both in and out of timetabled sessions. "I have loved the past 2 months here, I have genuinely learnt more in 2 months that I did in 5 years of secondary school. The course is by far the most interesting thing I have done in school and the cricket is just an added bonus. You hit the ground running and you do eventually get used to it and the people you'll meet here are great. Everyone knows everyone now and its a motivating place to be."

- Elliott Wilson (Student)







"When you complete an NCFE Sports qualification, you will develop the knowledge and skills to help you pursue a wide variety of sports related careers. Throughout the qualification, the units range from ones that improve coaching skills (Sports Coaching, Talent Identification, Analysis of Sports Performance), advanced organisation and management skills (Organising Sports Events), develop understanding of the human body (Anatomy, Physiology, Sports Injuries) and even cover how an athlete thinks (Psychology for Sports Performance). If you're unsure about what to do in the future, the NCFE will keep your career options wide."

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# The Work Experience

# VOCATIONAL, TAILORED TO THE STUDENTS' INTERESTS

Our learners guide their own work experience by choosing areas of work that they would like to go into or would like to explore further.

So far, our students have undertaken work with the Grounds staff, Sports Science department, Pro Coach, Volunteering opportunities on major match days and the Marketing team.

Students on the new Business BTEC will have the chance to engage with departments of Yorkshire Cricket and related networks to gain an understanding of the business of sport and better identify pathways to achieve their career goals.

"Yorkshire Cricket can offer unique opportunities for work experience. We aim to offer placements tailored to the interest of the individual; this enables them to gain a real insight into different careers and an understanding that you don't just have to be a player or coach to work in a professional sporting environment."

- Nick Robinson, Head of College



# Why Choose The Yorkshire Cricket College?



A choice of 2 year programmes: Level 3 BTEC in Business or level 3 NCFE in Sport.

With low staff to student ratios, we ensure that our learners receive the best experience both in the classroom and in training.

Annual pre-season tour to South Africa to prepare for the English summer in top class facilities against local opposition.

100% pass rate.

Work experience options with the Yorkshire Cricket family. 56% grades at Distinction or Distinction\*.

Our students receive 6 hours worth of practical delivery per week; this equates to over 200 hours per academic year, not including game time.

Maximise your cricketing potential in world class facilities and top level coaching.

Opportunities to train alongside and with the professionals including Yorkshire and England.

Inspirational classrooms located in the Carnegie Pavilion overlooking the cricket pitch.

NCS is built into our induction to the college. A great way to get to know each other.

Additional benefits include YCCC membership, South Africa trip, NCS opportunities.

#### Matt Clegg Former Student

"The college is good for me as it will help me go onto university to engage in sport and exercise science, I have used the connections through Yorkshire County Cricket Club to get work experience with the academy and first team doing strength and conditioning."

#### Adam Eustace Student

"I chose to come to Yorkshire Cricket College because it was what I was looking for in a college. It allows me to study for my level 3 in sport, as well as getting top coaching for my cricket.

This gives me different options of where I could go after I finish college, a few examples are higher education or potentially getting a job in coaching or as a physio. Overall the college was a good choice because it's helping me prepare for the future."

## David Wainwright Head College Coach

"As a former professional cricketer and University graduate I fully understand the importance of gaining qualifications that will help you choose a career path to suit you. Players are given the chance to train like any professional team with both cricket and fitness programmes that mirror those of the full time professionals. Had the Yorkshire Cricket College been around many years ago I'm sure that it would have been an easy decision for me to make in attending the college. I would advise any young cricketer to make the most of the opportunities that the college provides."

#### lan Fisher

### YCCC Lead Strength & Conditioning Coach

"The S&C department has championed placement students for a number of years. We understand the mutual benefits on offer and it's been great to work with some of the students from the college. Over the past year we have provided them with some great opportunities for interaction with the youth development squads as well as the Yorkshire CCC pros, what a great experience."

#### **Parent**

#### of a former YCC student

commitment to himself and his future is at a level we have never known, and it is a pleasure to see. You have all encouraged his independence, confidence and aspiration and to do this in such difficult circumstances is testament to you all."



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# **Travelling to Headingley**

Our students commute to college from a variety of locations; from Sheffield and Scarborough to Nottingham and Hull. With fantastic rail and bus links into Headingley getting to us wherever you live is a lot faster and easier than you might think!

#### Buses

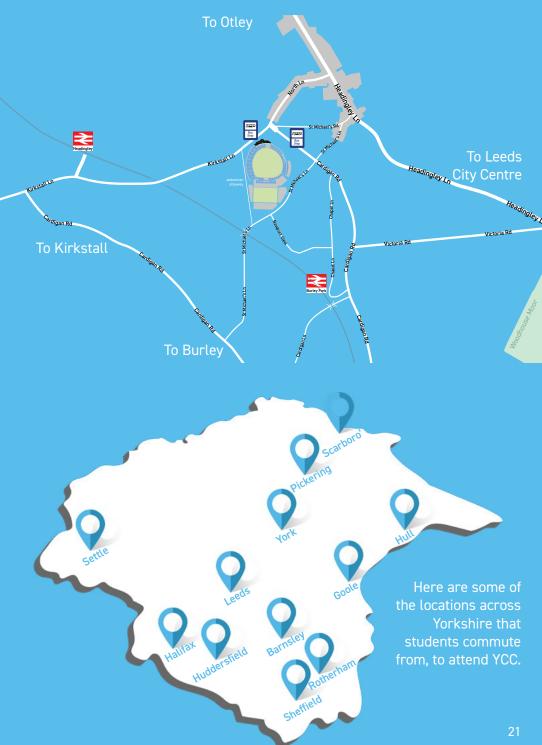
from Leeds City Centre Services 19 and 19A - every 15 minutes Service 56 - every 10 minutes

#### **Trains**

from Leeds Train Station
Burley Park Station is on the Harrogate Line
and is a five minute walk. Trains run half hourly
and should take around five minutes.







# **Support Networks**

Your physical and mental health and well-being is at the forefront of everything we do. With low student to coach and tutor ratios, we get to know all our learners and can react when you aren't feeling your best. Regular one-to-one catch up provide the opportunity to open up, or if you need independent support we can access that for you as well.

#### Physical Health

Our strength and conditioning sessions ensure that our students are continually improving their physical condition.

Individual training programme for each learner which gives us a bench mark to measure against throughout the year.

The programme also tracks improvement, protects against injury, mirrors the professionals.

Testing in the first week of each academic year with YCCC and England Lions Strength and Conditioning coach, Pete Sim.

"As parents who are familiar with traditional education, we were a little nervous about our son going to the Cricket College, especially as this was the first year and we had nothing to compare it with. However, we have been very impressed from the outset – the engagement of all members of staff involved with the college has been excellent.

The format is very well structured, with a good mix of education and fitness. Our son has never been more motivated or organised and we feel he is thriving in the environment, by being able to combine his education with a sport he is passionate about. We are also impressed that the college is providing the students with the opportunity to take on extra curriculum activities, such as undertaking coaching qualifications and work experience within a sporting environment."

- Parent of Yorkshire Cricket College student

#### Personal Support

Timetabled tutorial topics cover a range of subjects designed to equip our students with the necessary life skills required in today's society.

#### Mental Health and Wellbeing

Counselling service available to all our students, including trained mental health first aid staff.

#### Financial Support

Funding available (means tested) to help subsidise travel to and from college.



## **Alumni Stories**

Our students are with us for 2 of the most formative years of their academic studies. We understand the importance of coaching and guiding learners towards a pathway that best fits their skill set. There is no one size fits all approach at the college, evidenced by the wide range of alumni stories below.

#### Boeta Beukes Sport

#### Sports Science - Leeds Beckett University

Boeta excelled as a cricketer at the Yorkshire Cricket College and has continued his interest in sport by going to Leeds Beckett University to study Sports Science. He has ambitions to become a physiotherapist when he graduates.

#### James Rogers Sport

#### Coaching at Pro Coach Yorkshire

Having worked throughout his time at college, James is now a coach working for Yorkshire Cricket's official coaching arm, Pro Coach Yorkshire Cricket.

#### Jonny McGregor Sport

#### Coaching in Cape Town, South Africa

After completing his course, Jonny spent the summer working for Pro Coach and gaining experience alongside expert coaches. This led to the opportunity to travel to Cape Town, South Africa, to continue his coaching journey at Bishop's Independent School under the tutelage of former Warwickshire cricketer, Neil Carter. Bishop's is one of the top cricket schools in South Africa.

#### Will Pallister Sport

#### Greenkeeping Course

"Working with the ground staff at Headingley Stadium was great to build up experience in that sector and for the contacts and network of professionals." "Having the top-class coaches around the group was great and to have them as mentors was a great opportunity."

"Not being very academic I looked forward to no exams and course work. The structure suited me better than a traditional sixth form."

#### Matt Clegg Sport

#### Sports Science - Leeds Beckett University

"I work better getting the work done at the time I learn it so I think the type of learning at YCC just fitted my style."

"It's more than just a college and you always feel welcomed when you go back, and I am trying to give back to them now."

"It was 100% the best life decision I have made going to YCC. The work experience has put me in a great position, and I haven't looked back!"

#### Sam Wisniewski Sport

#### Yorkshire CCC Academy Player "I didn't want to have any

"I didn't want to have any regrets about not trying for the professional game, that's why I attended Yorkshire Cricket College."

"I didn't know anyone who didn't enjoy the course and it was a great environment to train." "It doesn't feel like a school or college environment, it feels like a professional set up."

#### Oliver Cunningham Sport

#### Sports Development and Coaching - Sheffield Hallam University

Oliver's passion for Sports
Coaching inspired him to move
into Higher Education. He is now
studying a Sports Development
and Coaching degree at
Sheffield Hallam University. His
long-term plan is to go into P.E.
teaching or a more specialised
sports coaching environment.











# **Contact Us**

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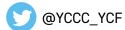
www.wearescl.co.uk/yorkshire-cricket

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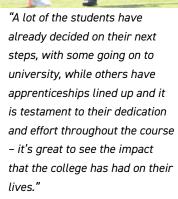
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- Nick Robinson, Head of the College

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