RISHWORTH
SCHOOL

FOOTBALL PATHWAY



Welcome to Rishworth School's Football Pathway

Rishworth School, in partnership with Huddersfield Town Foundation, is proud to offer a development and elite performance football pathway for talented male and female players.

Under the expert guidance of our UEFA Qualified Coach, Dan Jarvis, and Director of Football, Andy Thomas, students develop their technical skills and understanding of the game while studying at one of the UK's leading boarding schools, with over 300 years of educational excellence.

With a structured development pathway open to students from Year 7 upwards, the programme blends elite football training with a challenging academic timetable tailored to each age group.

Students follow a core curriculum, including GCSEs in Year 10 and 11, while Sixth Formers (16+) can choose either the traditional academic route of A-Levels or our highly acclaimed BTEC Extended National Diploma in Sport, allowing them to combine sporting excellence with academic achievement.





"The programme has given me the opportunity to train at an elite level and is helping me to develop a pathway into professional football."

~ Current International student from Mexico



Meet The Team

Dan Jarvis



Dan Jarvis brings a wealth of experience across football and education, and oversees the programme. With a career grounded in both player development and academic excellence, Dan has worked extensively across a variety of football environments, most recently within the Huddersfield Town Academy, supporting the development of young players within an elite performance framework. He is currently the **Senior Education Manager at Huddersfield Town Foundation**, leading and strategically developing Huddersfield Town Foundation's education & sport provision, ensuring high-quality programmes that engage learners, strengthen partnerships, and deliver measurable outcomes for young people and communities.

His background in elite football is further strengthened through his national role with **The Football Association**, where he worked as a **Women's Talent Reporter**, identifying and monitoring emerging players within the FA's talent pathway and contributing to the long-term development of the women's game.

Dan's experience also extends internationally, having worked overseas in Bahrain at St Christopher's British International School, where he combined football provision with a strong educational focus in a global context.

This blend of professional football expertise and educational leadership ensures the Rishworth School Football Pathway offers a truly holistic environment, enabling students to excel both in the classroom and on the football pitch.

Find out more about Huddersfield Town Foundation here:



Meet The Team

Chris Stone



Chris is the Curriculum Area Manager of Sport at Rishworth and the Lead Teacher for the BTEC Level 3 Sport programme, where he plays a key role in shaping the development of young athletes and students. In these roles, he leads curriculum design, supports staff development, and ensures students receive high quality teaching that prepares them for both higher education and careers within the sport industry.

Chris has a strong background in coach education through his work with England Rugby, where he gained valuable experience supporting coaches and developing effective learning environments across sport. This experience has helped shape his belief that great coaching and teaching go beyond performance, focusing on developing confident, resilient individuals through positive sporting experiences.

Passionate about sport in its broadest sense, Chris is committed to creating engaging and supportive environments where students and athletes can develop their skills, confidence, and understanding of sport. He brings energy, professionalism, and a strong commitment to helping others reach their potential both on and off the field.

Founded in 1908, Huddersfield Town Association Football Club quickly established itself in English football. The club gained prominence in the 1920s, becoming the first team to win three consecutive First Division titles under legendary manager Herbert Chapman, who later became a pioneering figure at Arsenal.

Known as “The Terriers”, Huddersfield Town has a proud tradition of combining strong community roots with competitive football. Today, the club continues to develop talent through its academy and maintains close links with local schools and programmes, providing pathways for young players to reach professional levels.

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Development Centre

Our Development Centre is the ideal starting point for aspiring footballers looking to accelerate their progress in a high-quality, supportive environment. Designed to build strong foundations, the programme combines expert coaching with a clear pathway into Rishworth School's wider football provision.

The Benefits

- Technical development
- Tactical understanding
- Small-sided game experience
- Physical preparation
- Individual feedback and progression pathways

Girls Development Centre (U13 & U15s)

A dynamic and inclusive environment where players develop technical consistency, tactical awareness, and physical literacy, while enjoying a high-quality training experience that builds confidence and a love for the game.

Boys Development Centre (U13, U15 & U18s)

A structured and challenging pathway focused on technical consistency, tactical awareness, and physical literacy, preparing players to progress confidently through the football pathway.



Elite Pathway

Our Elite Pathway is designed for high-performing footballers who are ready to train and compete in a professional-level environment. Combining advanced coaching with a comprehensive performance model, the programme challenges players to maximise their potential and prepare for progression within the game.

Led by **UEFA-licensed coaches**, players benefit from a structured training schedule that mirrors the standards of the professional game. A strong emphasis is placed on both individual and team development, ensuring players continue to grow technically, tactically, and physically.

The Benefits

- Individual Development Plans (IDP) tailored to each player
- Opportunities to be observed by Huddersfield Town scouts
- Strength & Conditioning to enhance performance and reduce injury risk
- Small group, squad training and specialist goalkeeper sessions
- Competitive fixtures across different formats
- Performance support services to aid overall development
- 360 Player app to support players progression & performance tracking
- VEO technology for recording & analysing matches

This is a high-performance pathway for ambitious players who are committed to their development and striving to reach the next level in football.



> I have had the opportunity to be put in front of scouts from various clubs and it has given me the confidence to know I'm on the right path.
>
> ~ Current Day student

TRAINING SCHEDULE



	Strength & Conditioning 8:00AM - 8:45AM	School Day 9:00AM - 3:40AM	Pitch A & B 3:45PM - 5:00PM	Pitch A & B 5:00PM - 6:30PM
Monday	U'13	Lessons	U'13 D/P	U'18 D/P
Tuesday	U'18		U'18 P	U'15 P
Wednesday	U'15		U'15 D/P	GK SESSION
Thursday			U'13 P	GIRLS FOOTBALL U15 & U18
Friday	U'18		IDP NIGHT FOR ALL PERFORMANCE PLAYERS	
Saturday 9:00AM - 12:00PM	AD-HOC FIXTURES / FUTSAL TRAINING 9:00AM – 10:30AM - U'13/15 PERFORMANCE 10:30AM – 12:00PM - U'15/U'18 PERFORMANCE			



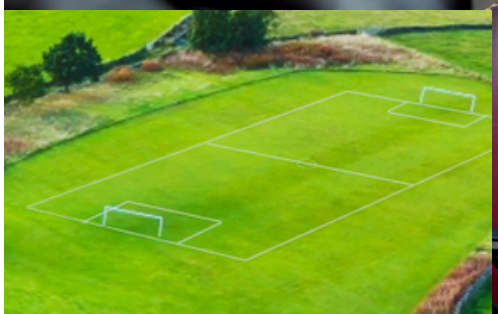
Our Facilities

Rishworth School provides an outstanding training environment where players can develop in a setting inspired by professional standards.

Set on a beautiful Yorkshire campus, our facilities support every aspect of the modern footballer's journey, from technical development to physical preparation and matchday performance.

- 3 Grass Football Pitches
- MUGA Pitch
- 5 Aside 3G Pitch
- Indoor Sports Centre
- Weight Training Room
- Cardio Gym
- Swimming Pool
- Training opportunities at Huddersfield Town







Pathways & Progression



Rishworth School Football Pathway offers a clear route from youth development to post-sixth form opportunities, combining elite coaching, academic excellence, and professional links.

Academy Progression

Players start in the Development Centre to build core technical, tactical, and physical skills, before having the opportunity to move into the Performance Football Programme for elite-level training, competitive fixtures, and personalised development plans.



Individual Development Plans

Individual Development Plans (IDPs) are a key part of our programme, providing each player with a clear and personalised pathway for progression. These plans identify individual strengths and areas for development, allowing coaches to deliver targeted support both on and off the pitch. Through regular feedback and tailored training objectives, players are guided to maximise their potential and take ownership of their development journey.

Scouting & Competitive Opportunities

Players on the pathway benefit from exposure to professional pathways and high-level competition:

- Competing in ISFA (Independent Schools Football Association) matches
- Participation in CEFA (County Elite Football Alliance) fixtures
- Introductions to other local and regional clubs via Huddersfield Town connections
- Observation and guidance from Huddersfield Town Football Academy coaches





BTEC Level 3

National Extended Diploma

The BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Sport is a two-year programme equivalent to three A Levels.

- Combines practical and academic learning
- Prepares for university or careers in sport
- Developed with industry professionals

What you will study:

- Anatomy and Physiology
- Fitness Training and Programming for Health, Sport and Well-being
- Sports Leadership
- Professional Development in the Sports Industry
- Fitness Testing
- Coaching for Performance

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Other A-Level Subjects

Art & Design	Biology	Business	Chemistry	Computer Science
CAPA	Design & Technology	Economics	English Literature	Food Science and Nutrition
Geography	History	Mathematics	Further Mathematics	Modern Languages
Music	Physical Education: A Level	Physics	Psychology	English For Academic Purposes

Educational Pathways

Post 18

At Rishworth School, we recognise that our football players are preparing not only for the next step in their sporting careers, but also for life beyond football. Our Sixth Form programme combines high-quality academic support with personalised guidance, helping students make informed choices about their future, whether that be progressing to university or pursuing professional football opportunities.

Delivered in partnership with the University of South Wales (USW), we offer a range of degree pathways including FdSc Community Football Coaching and Development, FdSc Sports Coaching & Development, and BA (Hons) Sports Business & Management, providing learners with the opportunity to gain an industry-recognised qualification while being affiliated with a professional football club.

Players have access to tailored pathways that include:

- University progression
- Football-specific opportunities
- Vocational and career guidance

Here are a number of high ranking universities known for their sporting courses, to which many of our astudents have gone on to:

Find out more about our pathways here:

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Life at Rishworth

Ethos

For 300 years, our motto, "**Res Non Verba**," has shaped our culture, emphasising action over words. At Rishworth, we create an atmosphere where traditional values are cherished and invention and exploration are encouraged.

Education

With average class sizes of 16, and passionate, knowledgeable teachers, our students achieve exceptional results.

GCSE (2025)

- 90% of our students attained grades 4 – 9 **with GCSE results at grades 9 – 7 10% above the national average**.

A-Level (2025)

- Almost 40% of A-level grades awarded at A–A*, again **10% above the national average.**
- BTECs and vocational qualifications were equally strong, with **75% of grades awarded at Distinction – Distinction***

English as an Additional Language

We provide free of charge, student-focused lessons in small groups for rapid language development, offering expert guidance and personalized tuition to help international students succeed within the curriculum.

> We encourage students to foster a deep love of learning, to build their confidence and courage to grow to be an individual, whilst embracing the warmth and unity of our community.
>
> ~ Head of Rishworth School

Diet and Nutrition

Our experienced catering team prepares fresh, nutritious dishes from scratch using seasonal, locally sourced ingredients. Catering to all dietary needs, they offer students the chance to explore global cuisines and expand their palates.

The catering team provide tailored meals for athletes, aligning with the students' training plans.







Boarding at Rishworth

Our facilities are comfortable and homely, with welcoming common rooms for socialising and quiet study bedrooms for relaxation.

Our boarding community feels like one big family with our compassionate staff prioritising students' emotional, physical and social welfare.

Boarding life is an enriching and rewarding experience with a structured programme of activities in place for boarders including cooking, mini competitions, film nights, skiing and cultural celebrations.

Boarding Moments



















> Boarding at Rishworth felt like my extended family, where the students, boarding staff and matron treated me as such.
>
> ~ Tobi C, Former Sixth Form Boarder from Nigeria

Location Map



Burnley
Burnley
FC Halifax Town
LBA
Leeds
Leeds United
Bolton Wanderers
RISHWORTH SCHOOL
Huddersfield Town
Oldham Athletic
Manchester United
Manchester
Liverpool
Liverpool
Everton
MAN
Manchester City
Sheffield

Location & Travel

Rishworth School is perfectly located in West Yorkshire, United Kingdom, less than a hour's drive from 10 elite football clubs. Nestled in the charming village of Rishworth, students enjoy a safe, tranquil environment with access to local shops, cafés and bus and train routes, perfect for weekend outings.

The school is conveniently close to two major airports: Manchester Airport (45 minutes) and Leeds Bradford Airport (55 minutes). Transfers can be arranged through our DBS-certified taxi service.





Admissions



At Rishworth School, our Admissions team is here to support your family every step of the way. Choosing the right school can shape your child's confidence, happiness, and personal growth.

Key points:

- Entrance assessments appropriate to your child's age and stage
- References from current or previous schools
- Year group availability to ensure a place can be offered

For Sixth Form entry, conditional offers are based on school references and achievement of suitable GCSE grades.

To apply for a place, or for information about fees, bursaries and scholarships, please visit our website or scan the QR code.



> Students join us with varying levels of ability and knowledge, but our pathways help every student progress, and in their own time with the right programme.
>
> ~ Dan Jarvis, Director of Football

How to Apply

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