



Waverley Education
Foundation Trust

Waverley Cricket Academy



IN PARTNERSHIP WITH
WARWICKSHIRE
COUNTY CRICKET CLUB



Message from the Head of PE

At Waverley, not only are we passionate about achieving success on the cricket pitch, we believe that those developed qualities can be transferred into the classroom to achieve academic success.

Waverley 6th form offers a unique opportunity for passionate cricketers of all abilities to come and study with us, and develop your cricket skills in our fantastic Cricket Programme, in partnership with Warwickshire Cricket Club. As a student in the Waverley Cricket Programme you will experience expert teaching in a range of A-level and vocational courses, and take part in daily training and competitive matches lead by Warwickshire Cricket Club.

As a passionate sportsman I truly believe that this is an amazing opportunity for students wishing to combine their A-level studies with a sport they love. The staff at Waverley 6th form, and the cricket coaches at Warwickshire Cricket Club are dedicated to ensuring that as part of this programme you will excel both in the classroom and on the cricket field.

I look forward to welcoming you to our cricket programme.



Cricket teaches patience, discipline, and respect, reminding players that true greatness comes from character, not just talent.



—Rahul Dravid, Indian International Cricketer



Empowering Schools. Inspiring Players. Growing the Game.

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Our mission

Waverley Education Foundation works hard to ensure that all of our pupils, regardless of their age, background, or experiences, are well-equipped to be members of a modern, British society.

We have four common values across our schools. These are firmly embedded within the culture of learning and we are proud that our pupils demonstrate these impressive behaviours daily.

Humanity

We care for and respect every individual, recognising the dignity and worth of all.

Equality

We ensure fairness, inclusion, and opportunity for all, removing barriers to success.

Aspiration

We believe every learner can achieve excellence, and we set high expectations to help them get there.

Respect

We value the individuality of every person, celebrating diversity as a strength.



Cricket course overview

Waverley Cricket Academy (WCA) represents a new inner city opportunity designed to give students access to a high quality cricket development pathway. The programme blends school-led education with Warwickshire Cricket Foundation (WCF) specialist coaching, creating an environment that prepares players for long-term progression.

Your experience at WCA will include:

- Cambridge Technical Level 3 course in Sport & Physical Activity (you can study the extended certificate equivalent to 1 A Level, or Foundation Diploma equivalent to 2 A Level's)
- Opportunities to gain coaching, first aid and umpiring qualifications
- Playing opportunities against other Higher Education providers in local/regional competitions
- Playing opportunities at a local cricket club (desired)
- Voluntary and paid work opportunities
- Up to 6 hours per week coaching provided by Warwickshire Cricket Foundation

Students will experience an academy-style performance environment designed to mirror the expectations and standards of elite cricket pathways. This includes technical coaching, tactical development, competitive matchplay and individual player development support.

Progression opportunities

Through our partnership with Warwickshire Cricket Foundation, students will benefit from access to a high-quality cricket development environment designed to support long-term progression both on and off the field. They will take part in competitive fixtures and performance-focused training that mirrors established cricket pathways.

The programme is designed to support a range of future ambitions, with opportunities to gain coaching, officiating and first aid qualifications for practical experience and transferable skills. We also encourage participation in local cricket clubs and wider community sport, creating additional opportunities for development.

As part of the academy experience, students will develop important personal qualities including communication, teamwork, resilience and leadership. There will be opportunities to take on mentoring and coaching responsibilities, helping students grow in confidence both as players and as young professionals.

Whether students aspire to progress into higher education, sports coaching, community sport, performance pathways or careers within the wider sports industry, the Waverley Cricket Academy aims to provide a strong foundation for future success.

Course content

Extended Certificate (Equiv. 1 A-Level)	
Year 1	Year 2
• Body Systems and the effects of physical activity • Sports coaching and activity leadership • Performance analysis in sport and exercise • Biomechanics and movement analysis	• Organisation of sports events • Biomechanics and movement analysis • Physical activity for specific groups • Nutrition and diet for sport and exercise
Foundation Diploma (Equiv. 2 A-Levels)	
Year 1	Year 2
<i>In addition to the Extended Certificate Units, you will study:</i>	
• Working safely in sport, exercise, health and leisure • Sports injuries and Rehabilitation	• Practical skills in sport and physical activities

Assessment

As part of the Cambridge Technical in Sport and Physical Activity students will be assessed through written coursework, practical observation of coaching and playing sport and formal exams.

Competitive cricket and enrichment

Students at Waverley Cricket Academy will have the opportunity to participate in a varied and competitive cricket programme throughout the academic year. This will include indoor competitions during the autumn and winter months, alongside outdoor fixtures and matchplay opportunities during the spring and summer seasons.

Working in partnership with Warwickshire Cricket Foundation, the academy will support the development of a structured fixture programme against local and regional opposition, creating meaningful opportunities for students to test and develop their skills in competitive environments. As the programme develops, there will also be opportunities to engage in wider school cricket competitions and establish links with other established cricket-playing schools and academies.

Training and matchplay will be carefully structured to support player development at every stage, combining technical coaching with tactical understanding and game-based learning. This academy-style approach will help students build confidence, develop resilience and gain valuable experience both individually and as part of a team.

Entry requirements

- **Four GCSEs at Grade 4 and above, including English and Maths**
- Grade 4/pass or above in Sport Studies or GCSE is desirable but not essential
- Lower grades may be accepted if students accept a trial period
- A love of cricket and a passion for working in the sports industry whether that be as a player, coach or any other role, is essential



How to apply

Scan the QR code or visit waverley.bham.sch.uk/page/?title=How+to+apply&pid=117 to apply online or download and print an application form.

If you have any questions concerning your application please contact enquiry@waverley.bham.sch.uk or telephone **0121 566 6600**.

Admissions journey

1

Come and visit us

We would love to meet you. Come and join us at one of our Open School sessions or arrange a personalised visit where you will meet our staff and pupils and have a tour of our facilities and grounds.

2

Apply for a place

Applications are processed online through Birmingham City Council.

The application process starts in **September** and ends in **July** with offers being made in **April**.

3

Enrolment at Waverley

Once you have accepted a place for your child, you will need to complete enrolment documents.

4

Join the Waverley Community

Once your place is secured, you and your child will be invited to a series of transition events to help familiarise you with teachers, pupils and school before your child begins their Waverley Education.



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