



The Hinckley
SCHOOL

RUGBY ACADEMY

SKILL | LEADERSHIP | SUCCESS



BECOME PART OF OUR LEGACY

Rugby is in the DNA of our school - it's the heartbeat of our community, driving passion, pride, and performance across generations. Our illustrious alumni roll call includes national and international male and female rugby stars such as **Ollie Smith, Dean Richards, Graham Rowntree, Sam Vesty, Manu Tuilagi**, and **Vicky Fleetwood**, who all benefited from our school's commitment to passionate coaching, competitive fixtures and character development.

A new era of rugby at The Hinckley School is now upon us, as we build on our existing legacy. Combining our proud heritage and local authority on strong rugby provision, with modern coaching methods and strengthened by a proud partnership with Hinckley Rugby Football Club, our school rugby programme has evolved into a modern and inclusive academy with both grassroots and elite pathways for both boys and girls - welcoming and supporting players of all abilities as they grow both on and off the field. We are committed to providing excellent rugby provision and opportunities for the next generation as they build their brighter futures.

Our aim is that all students within our rugby academy, no matter their prior experience or future rugby dreams, develop the leadership, communication and strong decision making skills to succeed in life beyond our gates. Alongside athletic development, our programme supports students to develop character, moral purpose and teamwork.





Tom Wheatcroft
Former Student &
HRFC Attack Coach

Rugby at this school has undoubtedly shaped me into the person I am today. Those early experiences and opportunities instilled great values both on and off the pitch. Touring Canada and winning the Daily Mail National Cup at Twickenham are memories that remain vivid. These experiences paved the way for me to pursue my dream of becoming a professional rugby player for Worcester Warriors, Cambridge RFC, Ealing Trailfinders and Coventry RFC. I am now the attack coach at Hinckley RFC which is the start of my new chapter.



Ben Avent
Former Student &
HRFC Defence Coach

Playing rugby at John Cleveland College (now The Hinckley School) gave me lifelong memories, from unforgettable National Cup runs to the incredible Canada tour. **It provided great opportunities and taught me lasting life skills** like teamwork, resilience, and leadership that still guide me today.

INSPIRATIONAL ALUMNI

COACHING TEAM

Our rugby coaches care deeply for the game, and even more deeply for our students, supporting all our players to become proud role models within our community. They work to create a supportive, yet challenging, environment for our players to become the very best they can be, both in sport and as individuals.



Mr M Stocks

Associate Assistant Headteacher

Director of Rugby

Playing Career:

- Heathfield High School (Captain)
- William Bradford 1st XV (Captain)
- Market Bosworth Rugby Club (U13-Colts)
- Leeds Beckett University
- Leicestershire Rugby



Mr M Tallis

Year 9 Pastoral Leader

Head of Girls Rugby

Playing Career:

- Nuneaton RFC mini/junior/colts
- St Thomas More school rugby
- North Warwickshire school rugby
- Warwickshire School Rugby
- Nuneaton Old Edwardians First XV



Mr S Randle

Year 8 Pastoral Leader

Head of KS3 Rugby

Playing Career:

- Nicholas Chamberlain Secondary School (Captain)
- Nuneaton RFC U12-U16's (Captain)
- Nuneaton RFC Colts
- North Warwickshire District
- Warwickshire Clubs
- Warwickshire Schools
- 21 Engineer Regiment
- Burbage RFC



Mr J Elvidge

Year 9 Year Leader

Head of KS4/KS5 (Colts) Rugby

Playing Career:

- Coundon Court School (Age Group Captain 2011-2016)
- Coventry Schools (Captain 2014-2016)
- Warwickshire Schools (Captain 2016)
- Warwickshire U17/18s (Captain)
- Loughborough University
- Old Coventrians First XV

STUDENT LEADERS

Whilst embracing the athletic demands of the sport, we work to simultaneously develop our students' confidence, self-control, and resilience, so that they become strong team players who understand the importance of sportsmanship and communication. Our players become leaders on and off the field thanks to the strong moral values we instil through 'The Hinckley Way'. Participation in our girls and boys rugby programme ensures every student develops positivity, self-responsibility, and respect for others, with our eldest students taking on official leadership roles.



Fletcher

Being a Rugby Squad Leader has taught me leadership and helped me to grow in confidence. It's a great opportunity for everyone to keep fit and learn new skills.



Anja

I really enjoy the discipline, respect and teamwork that rugby teaches you. We have really supportive coaches who give great feedback to help you develop and I would encourage every girl to take up the sport.



Tayio

Our team has a real sense of community and being a part of the academy has taught me discipline. I enjoy competing in fixtures and know that training at The Hinckley School will give me a strong foundation for professional success.

RESPECT | DISCIPLINE | STRENGTH



Eddie

KS4 1st XV
Rugby Squad Leader



Ruben

KS4 1st XV
Rugby Squad Leader

ACADEMIC ADVENTURE

Whilst our rugby academy requires a high level of commitment, our students' academic adventure always comes first. To participate within our teams, students are expected to stay on top of their studies, with our rugby staff providing pastoral and wellbeing support to help the students manage their time effectively. Our rugby players are expected to make the most of the exceptional academic opportunities presented to them by maintaining high attendance throughout the year. Our players have incredible abilities and we want to empower them to make the right choices to unlock their potential both in the classroom and on the pitch.

EMPOWERING LEADERS BOTH ON AND OFF THE FIELD





UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCES

Members of our rugby academy have the unique opportunity to enjoy a seven-year journey of sporting success and support. Students take part in weekly training sessions and pre-season training camps, with the opportunity to represent the school as part of our Girls 1st XV, KS3 1st XV, KS3 2nd XV, KS4 1st XV, KS4 2nd XV or Colts 1st XV teams. An intense and exciting fixture list sees students compete against some of the leading talent in the UK, travelling up and down the country to create lifelong treasured memories.

Our players also have the opportunity to compete in annual events such as our Sports Festival, The Futures Trust Cup and The John Wilkinson Memorial Cup, as well as national or international rugby tours to expand their horizons.

Our rugby programme nurtures the athletic development of future professionals while also creating a supportive environment for young people who simply love the game - enjoying every moment alongside their friends. Whatever a child's ability or ambition, we provide an exceptional and unforgettable experience.



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