IN PARTNERSHIP WITH WARRINGTON WOLVES

PRIESTLEY RUGBY ACADEMY

✪ UK's First Dual Academy ✪

BRIDGING THE GAP TO THE PROFESSIONAL GAME

One player earned Academy Contract

Unbeaten in the North West League 2019/20

League winners in the 2019/20 college season

Secured places at universities around the UK

Alex Davies
Lymm High
Sport & Exercise Science (Ext Dip)

Toby Good-Marsh
Penketh High
Public Services (Dip) and Sport (Sub Dip)

Oliver Bate
Cardinal Newman RC High
Business (Ex Cert), Sport (Ex Cert) and IT (Ex Cert)

Lucas Leadbetter
Great Sankey High
Geography (A-Level), Media Studies (A-Level) and Sport (Dip)

Matthew Biddle
Cardinal Newman RC High
Business (A-Level), E (A-Level) and Economics (A-Level)

TRAIN LIKE A PROFESSIONAL RUGBY LEAGUE PLAYER

SECURE ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

ACHIEVE YOUR FULL POTENTIAL WITH THE WARRINGTON WOLVES COACHES

Priestley College and Warrington Wolves' Dual Development Academy sees students train like professional players whilst also securing the academic grades that can be crucial if their rugby careers do not take off.

In 2020, Priestley was awarded the UK's first Dual Academy accreditation in recognition of how it provides a platform for both boys and girls to enjoy and excel in the sport. You can read more about the girls' academy in this leaflet.

Members of the academy will benefit in the following ways:

- Up to 12 hours training a week
- Working with Warrington Wolves coaches
- Strength and Conditioning support
- Building knowledge about nutrition
- Performance / video analysis
- Competing in the Premiership College League
- Opportunities to progress into Warrington Wolves' U19s or reserve grade teams
- Second chance for players who have not been chosen for a scholarship
- Chance to impress for those new to rugby or who have physically matured later

Being a member of the academy gives you the chance to train for up to 12 hours a week, but also study an academic programme at Priestley College. These are just some of the course combinations our students have taken.

"Warrington is such a strong rugby town that it makes sense for us to be at the heart of the sport for young people."

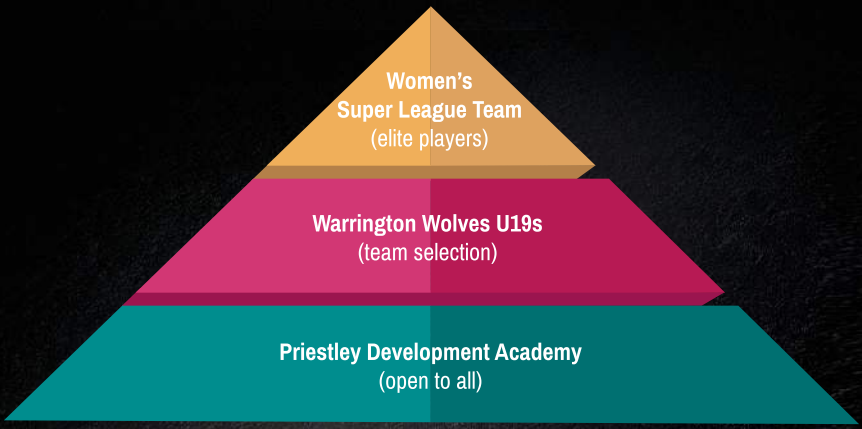
Nigel Howells
Head of Sport Priestley

OUR girls' academy is part of the Warrington Wolves Women's team performance pathway. If you are interested in playing rugby at a higher level then this is the place for you to start.

The academy, however, is open to players of all abilities and experience so if rugby is simply a sport you want to enjoy while studying at Priestley College then you are also very welcome.

This is a progression from the Warrington Wolves under 16s girls and is a chance to compete nationally in competitions run by the Rugby Football League.

We also support students on the RFL national DiSE programme – an elite national development squad of 30 girls. Qualifying for this is worth 80 UCAS points and you can only be considered if attending a development academy.



Izzy Hughes
The County High School, Leftwich
Sport, Coaching &
Development (Dip)

Shakira Westwood
Penketh High School
Health & Social Care
and PE (A-Level)

Lydia Egan
Bridgewater High School
Sport (Cert), English (GCSE)
and Maths (GCSE)

For more details about the rugby academy email Lee Mitchell: **l.mitchell@priestley.ac.uk**
Look out for Priestley College's open evenings and special academy events: **www.priestley.ac.uk**