



# Rotherham United Academy

## Newsletter



### Media Madness

Our scholars enjoyed their time in front of the camera a little too much. It was like a Hollywood set, but great to see the boys enjoying themselves... Some more than others!



## Welcome to the 2023 - 2024 Season!

I can't believe we are at the end of September already! It has been a fantastic start to the season. First of all, welcome to Gavin Atherton, our new PDP Lead Coach. Welcome to Felix Gould our new Sports Science intern and of course welcome to all of our 1st years scholars, some of which is their first season at Rotherham United.

We have had a full on schedule jam packed with fixtures. It has been a promising start with the boys keeping us in and amongst the top 5 in the league. Our first years have settled in tremendously and are setting very high standards. A pleasing start all round for what's going to be an exciting season.

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### REECE WILSON

Reece is sitting comfortably at the top of the goal scoring table with an impressive 5 league goals.

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### BEN HATTON

Ben is hot on Reece's heels currently on 4 league goals this season.

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### LEIWI, ZAC & HARRY

Ensuring the boys don't take it easy, these 3 are breathing down their neck with a goal each so far.

# Life Skills and Personal Development for the Scholars.

It's not just football... (sigh the boys!)

**“Education is the passport to the future. For tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today.”**

At Rotherham United we are fortunate to work closely with the LFE (League Football Education) to ensure that the boys are fully prepared for life after football. Transition is a big part of a footballers life, what ever that age may be. We work hard to make sure that the scholars are fully equipped in a variety of areas.

So far, the scholars have gained the first part of their Refereeing Course with them ALL passing their assessment. They have also started their UEFA C qualification.

Away from football they have workshops from EPIC Responsible Gambling, who will discuss things like why professional athletes are more at risk and statistics, likely triggers and signposting.

We have invited a company called, Youth Dream Project to come and deliver a talk about pathways to America as an option once they have completed their scholarship.

The EFL are visiting to deliver a workshop on Mental Health and Well-being too.

**A busy but exciting schedule for the scholars.**

## JOSH PUTS PEN TO PAPER

A huge congratulations to one of our home grown, Josh Ayers who put pen to paper at the start of September to sign his first professional contract with Rotherham United.

Josh is currently one of our second year scholars. Chesterfield born and bred, he has been in our academy system for 3 years progressing from the u15s.

“Hard work outweighs ability”



At Rotherham United we know how important a collaborative approach is. We want to listen to you as parents/carers about the academy and would like to hear suggestions you may have in order to move our academy or suggestions on how to move our academy forward.

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