



LUTON
STEELBACKS
CRICKET ACADEMY

PROSPECTUS

DAVID RIPLEY

“I think the real nugget for the cricket club is to try and find that talented cricketer that is going to come out of Luton and end up going onto the Northamptonshire Cricket Academy and perhaps end up making their debut for the first team...

The excitement of heading up the programme and working closely with those involved for a couple of years to see them develop and grow as young people and young cricketers is something that I am really excited about.”





RAY PAYNE

“The Luton Steelbacks Cricket Academy is a fantastic demonstration of Northamptonshire working with our neighbouring national counties to offer cricket development in an educational environment...”

We are committed and passionate to offer young people greater opportunities within cricket”

INTRODUCTION TO THE PROGRAMME

The Luton Steelbacks Cricket Academy is a unique opportunity for 16-18 year olds to continue their education whilst developing their cricket skills. This brand-new course is fully funded, offers a balanced educational experience and provides a real alternative to college or sixth form education.

The 2 year programme offers a wide range of educational options both A Level and Vocational across two sixth form sites in Luton. Delivered by qualified teachers, students get the opportunity to progress both academically and further develop their cricket ability.

The cricket element is led by elite coaches from Northampton Steelbacks and headed up by former first team coach David Ripley and supported by Academy Director Kevin Innes. The Luton Steelbacks Cricket Academy is government funded and gives students access to a first-class cricket coaching environment that helps take their game to the next level.



TRAIN

Work with elite, qualified coaches from the Northampton Steelbacks in first-class facilities for up to six hours per week and develop your total cricket game.

LEARN

Study a range of A Level and Vocational qualifications with specialist teachers and gaining sufficient UCAS points for potential University places, employment or apprenticeships.

COMPETITION

Northampton Steelbacks students will compete against similar programmes across the country in both indoor and outdoor fixtures throughout the year.

EXPOSURE

With Elite Coaches such as David Ripley and Kevin Innes on board with the programme, Luton Steelbacks students will have the opportunity to showcase their skills on a regular basis to elite minded coaches.

KIT

Luton Steelbacks students will be provided with official Luton Steelbacks branded kit with Steelbacks official suppliers Gray-Nicholls.

EMPLOYABILITY

Steelbacks students will have the opportunity to gain recognised cricket coaching qualifications. Players who pass relevant coaching badges could have opportunities to join the Wicketz initiative with paid employment as part of the Wicketz Coaching team.



AGE **16-18 YEAR OLDS**

DURATION - **TWO YEARS, FULL-TIME**

QUALIFICATION – **VARIETY OF A LEVEL AND VOCATIONAL**

COST - **FULLY FUNDED**

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS - 3 GCSE'S 4 and above, preferably both Maths and English (A Level Requirements may vary)

CRICKET PROVIDER – **NORTHAMPTON STEELBACKS**

EDUCATION PROVIDER – **THE SHARED LEARNING TRUST**

COURSE START DATE **SEPTEMBER 2022**

LOCATION – **STOCKWOOD PARK ACADEMY LUTON**

EXIT ROUTES FULL - Time employment or apprenticeships, employment opportunities in the sports and physical activity sector, coaching opportunities in the UK or overseas, foundation or honours degree at university depending on Education choices, non-playing employment opportunities in cricket with support from Wicketz.



KEVIN INNES

“We are really excited to join forces with Luton to create a world class opportunity for the players and community alike. Over the last 3 years we have set up partnerships with Bedfordshire, Buckinghamshire and Huntingdonshire, and The London Schools Association working together across pathways. Creating an environment for players to progress into first class cricketers.

The combination of cricket and education in the programme will lend itself to lots of successes on and off the cricket field.”

CRICKET PROGRAMME

Delivered by Northampton Steelbacks elite coaches, players will have the opportunity to develop all areas of their cricket game. Players will be supported in identifying their own strengths, areas for improvement and individual plans will be in place to support their development.



BATTING

World class basics
Batting options vs spin / pace
Power hitting / boundary options Sweeping / ramping
Game plans against spin / pace
Rotating the strike mental preparation
Video analysis
Pre-match preparation & routines

BOWLING

Developing a sustainable & repeatable action
Bowling fitness
Increasing pace / spin
Tactical analysis and field placements
Developing variations
Identifying batters weaknesses
Mental approach & tactics
Strength & conditioning
Video analysis
Game plans against attacking & defensive batters

FIELDING

Developing your own fielding skills
Fielding in the three areas (Close, inner ring & the boundary)
Diving techniques
Throwing effectively
Catching under pressure & in variety of positions
Team work movement skills
Mental approach to fielding
Video analysis

WICKET KEEPING

Offside & legside takes
Importance of great posture
Standing up & standing back
Catching under pressure
Diving techniques
Improving footwork & speed
Game management
Reading of pitches
Video analysis
Supporting the captain & bowler

ADDITIONAL SUPPORT

Nutrition / psychological / strength & conditioning



Cricket Coaching will primarily be based at The Stockwood Park Academy which boasts fantastic facilities including indoor, outdoor and grass based nets as well as large sports hall, 3G Astro Turf and artificial cricket strip. As part of the programme there will also be opportunity to visit other facilities hosted by Northants CCC and utilise some world class equipment.

Information about A Levels and Vocational courses available at TSLT Sixth form.

Based across two campuses, The Shared Learning Sixth form has the opportunity to offer a wide curriculum to all students. As part of the Luton Steelbacks Cricket Academy you have the option to choose three courses* equivalent to 3 A levels from a variety of options below.

Courses are delivered across two sites and all transport between sites if required is provided as well as transport to and from Cricket Training which will take place after school primarily at The Stockwood Park Academy.

***Courses are placed in blocks and 3 choices are made 1 from each block.**

BTEC MEDICAL SCIENCE	BTEC APPLIED PSYCHOLOGY	A LEVEL GEOGRAPHY	A LEVEL ACCOUNTING	PERFORMING ARTS
BTEC BUSINESS	BTEC SCIENCES	BTEC HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE	CAMBRIDGE TECH IN SPORTS	CAMBRIDGE TECH IN IT
A LEVEL SOCIOLOGY	A LEVEL RELIGIOUS STUDIES	A LEVEL PSYCHOLOGY	A LEVEL PHYSICS	A LEVEL PHOTOGRAPHY
A LEVEL MEDIA	A LEVEL MATHS	A LEVEL LAW	A LEVEL HISTORY	A LEVEL ENGLISH LITERATURE
A LEVEL CRIMINOLOGY	A LEVEL CHEMISTRY	A LEVEL BUSINESS	A LEVEL BIOLOGY	A LEVEL ART & DESIGN

CAREERS SUPPORT

As part of the sixth form, both campuses have designated careers advisors on hand to support students transition into their next steps such as:

University Applications (UCAS Support)

Apprenticeships

Employment

This is supported by regular educational trips to universities as well as opportunity to take additional, supportive qualifications and experience in a variety of employment sectors.

Some of the activities on offer are see below.

EPQ (Extended Project Qualification)

British Youth Council

Opportunities for paid and voluntary employment

BSMS Virtual work experience

Vespa Wellbeing Programme

Careers Coaching

Mentoring Programme

Barclays Life Skills

Amazing Apprenticeships

Dragons Den

In-house debate tournaments

Talent shows

Driving Theory Test support

First Aid Course

Home languages

Duke of Edinburgh Award

Performing Arts

Business Community

Introduction to Engineering

Pre-Med School

Top Universities Club

Further Maths

HOW DO I JOIN THE PROGRAMME / NEXT STEPS

01

Attend one of our masterclass sessions held in January 2022

02

Apply to the course via the Shared Learning Trust Sixth form website

03

Attend sixth form and Cricket Academy interview and trials.

04

Continue to attend masterclass and training sessions throughout 2022.

05

Start your Luton Steelbacks Cricket Academy journey in September 2022.



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