



Charles Read Academy Table Tennis Performance Centre

"The opportunity to train for up to 20 hours a week with some of the most talented athletes in the country, and be coached by elite coaches, is invaluable to a young table tennis player."

Gavin Evans, Men's Head Coach, Table Tennis England



Our Programme

Working in partnership with the David Ross Education Trust and Grantham College, Charles Read Academy delivers a Table Tennis Performance Programme that provides aspiring athletes the opportunity to combine elite training and academics.

This programme opens the door to talented athletes (under 16 years old) to combine elite level training with their education. The Charles Read Table Tennis Performance Centre runs Monday to Friday and offers up to 20 hours of coaching per week, with sessions before, during and after school.

The Offer



The College

Our partnership with Grantham College grants our scholars access to world-class training and competitive opportunities.

The Table Tennis Academy held at the college provides an incredible range of high-performing athletes for our scholars to train with on a daily basis.

- ★ International standard performance coaching and sparring partners
- ★ Access to UK and International competitions
- ★ Specialist speed, agility and quickness (SAQ) and strength & conditioning training, and access to gym facilities

The School

At Charles Read Academy, we are committed to delivering the very best education for each and every one of our students. We focus on helping our scholars achieve their full academic potential, supporting them individually on their educational journey, alongside training and competitions.

- ★ Up to 20 hours coaching per week (up to 8 within school hours, 12 hours after school at Grantham College)
- ★ A dedicated education mentor
- ★ High academic expectations
- ★ Fantastic new facilities
- ★ A caring and friendly community

The Trust

The David Ross Education Trust places a great emphasis on supporting young people to be the best they can be. Unearthing and supporting sporting talent is at the centre of what we do.

In addition to participating in the Performance Centre, as a student at Charles Read Academy you will benefit from a host of unique sporting opportunities.

- ★ Unrivalled Sports, Cultural and Arts enrichment opportunities
- ★ Talent Days and Trust-wide competitions hosted by Olympic and elite athletes
- ★ Close links with the University of Nottingham and TT England



Scholar Timetable 2019-20

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| M | School | SAQ & Fitness 1.5 hours | College Training 2 hours |
| T | School | School Training 2 hours | College Training 2 hours |
| W | School | | College Training 3 hours |
| T | School | School Training 2 hours | College Training 3 hours |
| F | School | | College Training 2 hours |

Sessions may be adjusted depending on the individual athletes competition calendar and International training schedule.

These sessions will incorporate video analysis, strength and conditioning, 1 to 1 and group work. Guest coaches also visit throughout the year.

The College also attend numerous competitions over the weekend, in which the scholars can compete, alongside National school competitions.



What our scholars say

Connor Green, 2018 - present

Being part of the Charles Read Table Tennis Performance Center has given me the support I needed to aspire to achieve the grades I want, alongside rising up the ranking list and compete in international tournaments. I think this is the perfect place to work hard and master your skills. I have the chance to train everyday with top coaches and players.



Raquel Sao Pedro, 2017 - present

Charles Read Academy provides lots of different sporting activities as well as all their support with the Table Tennis Programme. Before joining, I only trained for 2-3 hours a week, now I train 18-20 hours and it's seen a big improvement in my results. The programme has helped me achieve by providing the opportunity to train with a big range of players.



Dylan Tynan, 2018 - present

The Charles Read programme has massively helped balance my work and table tennis life. Each member of staff is supporting, and allow me to progress both academically and within table tennis. They've helped me win two BPTT Junior National titles, represent Para GB for the first time and move from 150 to 42 in the junior rankings.



Successes to date

England representatives in the 2018 ISF Malta World Schools Finals

U18 National Cup Girls Champion

ESTTA Schools National Team Champions, 2018 & 2019

Former DRET student Tom Jarvis represents Team GB at Rio Olympic Games

U16 English Schools Champion x 3

Two BPTT Junior National Titles

Selection for GB Para Pathway Squad

Large selection of International Honours

GCSE Results:

Molly Patterson - Maths 8, Combined Science 9-8, English 6

Danielle Kelly: English 7, Combined Science 5-5, Maths 4

"I'm really happy with my exam results from Charles Read. It means I'm able to go on to further education while continuing my training at Grantham College!"

Mollie Patterson



Meet the coaches



Vidal Graham, Head Coach

Head of Performance

"I have seen first hand the benefits of the programme on performance levels, achievement and a future in the game. Allowing players to access the hours they need to excel in the sport, whilst supporting their academic studies is just what a young athlete needs to push to reach their full potential".



Natalie Green

Performance Coach & Programme Administrator

"By enabling players to combine a table tennis programme with academic studies, the results players within the programme have seen are remarkable. We offer unrivaled support, opportunities, and high class coaching. Combined with the programme at Grantham College, it is an opportunity for players to make massive improvements and reach their potential".



Harry White

Table Tennis coach & fitness lead



Matej Mamut

Table Tennis coach & technical lead

Contact us

Ready to take your table tennis to the next level? Get in touch with us to arrange a visit or discuss more about the programme!

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What our parents say

"For Connor it was a huge decision to leave home at 12 but the school, coaches and support staff have all helped Connor to grow and develop both in terms of table tennis and other life skills. His grades have all remained high which was a great priority for us and we know that the school has supported Connor well ensuring that his schooling remains at this level following his trips abroad. His table tennis has also improved exponentially whilst maintaining his love for the game through strong but specific coaching".

Joanne, Connor's Mum

"Just wanted to say a big thanks. Danielle had an amazing start to her first year GCSE program and also her new table tennis program. She was massively impressed and has really settled in well and enjoying things".

Chris, Danielle's Dad

"I would like to confirm that Dylan will be staying next year. He has thoroughly enjoyed his time at the TTPC and has seen great improvement in his game and attitude".

Allison, Dylan's Mum

