



## INTERNATIONAL RUGBY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME



### DO YOU...

- Have aspirations of playing rugby to **professional** level?
- Think you have what it takes to be part of a college rugby academy in the UK who are **National Champions**?
- Want to be coached by people who have played at the **highest** level?
- Want a bespoke programme including **Strength and Conditioning, Nutritional Support** and **Sports Psychology**?
- Want to have all of this whilst continuing your education in the UK?

### IF SO, **GET IN TOUCH** VIA OUR PARTNER

***Andrew Muxworthy**, Director – Scholarship Connect*

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Hartlepool Sixth Form College Rugby Academy caters for rugby development of talented players aged 16-19 years of age while providing the opportunity to gain educational qualifications or to complete your High School Diploma. The Academy has produced many players into varying levels of professional game in the UK and abroad since its inception and is now regarded as one of the best programmes in colleges in the UK. We are a Rugby Football Union (RFU) accredited college.

We are confident that if you have aspirations of playing professional rugby our programme can really help you make progress toward your goals. We have a close working relationship with Newcastle Falcons of the Aviva Premiership, many other clubs at Colts (16-18 years of age) and RFU National League Level so we can ensure that your current ability is matched to the correct playing opportunities to maximise your development.

On completion of your programme there are further options to continue your study in the UK within our Higher Education System, or return to the USA to play within the collegiate system. Our partners in the project are Scholarship Connect who have a vast amount of experience in helping student-athletes pursue their sport and educational opportunities abroad.

Josh came to Hartlepool Sixth Form College in 2014 from Billingham Rugby Club and St Michael's school; he was fairly new to playing rugby and only started at the age of 14. In his first year he caught the eye of Newcastle Falcons; his second year saw him play A team rugby at Newcastle as well as being picked for the England under 18s squad. Josh's focus has seen him offered a professional contract with Newcastle Falcons for the 2016-17 season.



The College has provided the solid foundation and expertise for me to achieve my dream of playing professional rugby. I never thought this possible when I started in the academy but the coaches and staff gave me the belief in my ability that I needed and I am extremely grateful for the help and guidance. It's a great programme, and if you have the chance you should really go for it





Students at Hartlepool Sixth Form College not only get good academic support; they also get a very thorough and individualised rugby programme. Over the past few seasons more and more players from the College have earned call-ups to the Newcastle Falcons Academy and it has now become one of our main feeder establishments. Josh Williams joined our Junior Academy last summer having played well for College, Club and County and has now gone on to represent England Under 18s and signed his first professional contract with us earlier this year

– Mark Laycock, Academy Manager at Newcastle Falcons Rugby Club

Adam decided to attend the college from a distance based on his rugby ambitions. Being blessed with blistering pace and athleticism he developed from raw talent into an accomplished rugby player, scoring tries regularly in the RFU National Leagues and leading the college to the National 7's title. Adam scored the most tries in the entire tournament. He was integrated into the Newcastle Falcons Academy set-up during his second year and was selected to trial for the England 7s Academy Squad. He is progressing to playing full-time on the 7s circuit with Northern Wailers Rugby and was offered a full time contract for the Falcons for the 2017-18 season. He recently made his full debut against Saracens in The Anglo-Welsh Cup.



The guidance and support I received was fantastic. I have loved my time in the academy and I now have the chance to tour the world on the 7s circuit; including visits to Kenya, Dubai and Las Vegas. I can't wait – although I will be sad to leave such a great college and rugby academy, I have achieved my dream of playing professionally.

– Adam Radwan

