St James Sports & Enterprise Academy

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Year 6 – Year 13

Full-Time Specialist Provision

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Who We Are

St James Sports and Enterprise Academy is a specialist, full-time provision for pupils from **Year 6 to Year 13**, offering **time-limited placements (minimum two terms)** for pupils referred from mainstream schools.

With **small class sizes of 4–6 pupils**, we provide a structured, supportive environment where pupils can:

- Re-engage with education
- Build confidence and resilience
- Develop clear, positive pathways forward







Our Core Offer

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Sports Pathway

Performance, Discipline, Identity

Sport is central to life at St James.

We provide:

- A **dedicated in-house sports coach**
- Access to our **on-site gym and fitness facilities**
- A structured sports development programme

Pupils engage in:

- Football (with strong links to professional clubs)
- Golf
- Ice hockey
- Competitive inter-school sport
- Skiing
- Padel

We are proud of our strong sporting identity, regularly competing against other schools and building a sense of pride, teamwork and achievement.

Sport is used to:

- Build routine and discipline
- Develop teamwork and leadership
- Improve physical and mental wellbeing
- Reignite motivation and engagement

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Enterprise & Leadership Pathway

Alongside sport, pupils develop:

- Entrepreneurial thinking
- Leadership skills
- Communication and teamwork
- Real-world employability skills

This ensures pupils leave with both qualifications and life-ready skills.

A Structured, Full-Time Programme

- 25 hours per week
- Full-time provision
- Balanced academic, sport and enterprise timetable

Enrichment & International Opportunities

At St James, learning extends far beyond the classroom.

We actively encourage national and international experiences, giving pupils opportunities to:

- Broaden their horizons
- Experience elite sport and global events
- Build confidence and independence

Recently, pupils had the opportunity to attend the Paralympics in Canada, an inspiring experience that:

- Showcased resilience and elite performance
- Motivated pupils through real-world sporting excellence
- Created lasting memories and aspirations

These experiences are a key part of our offer, helping pupils to think bigger about their futures.

Outcomes & Progression

Pupils typically leave with:

- GCSEs
- Duke of Edinburgh Award (DofE)
- Level 1 & 2 BTEC qualifications

Progression routes include:

- Return to mainstream school
- Transition to mainstream college or further education

The St James Sports Pathway

From Engagement to Excellence

Stage 1 – Re-Engage

- Build trust through sport
- Low-pressure participation
- Develop routine and attendance
- Introduction to gym and fitness

Stage 2 – Develop

- Structured coaching sessions with in-house coach
- Skill-building across multiple sports
- Personal fitness programmes in the school gym
- Introduction to teamwork and roles

Stage 3 – Perform

- Represent the school in competitions
- Develop leadership within teams
- Build confidence & identity through sport
- Strength and conditioning progression

Stage 4 – Progress

- Pathways into clubs and community sport
- Links with professional football clubs
- Sports-related qualifications (BTEC/ DofE)
- Transition into mainstream education or college



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For further information

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