



Worthing College accredited by ground-breaking dual career scheme

Worthing College is leading the way with supporting talented athletes in education in England, having been accredited by TASS (Talented Athlete Scholarship Scheme). We are the only college in Sussex to be part of this scheme, and to date the 13th educational establishment in England.

The Sport England-backed scheme believes that every young person on a talent pathway should have the opportunity to gain qualifications alongside their sporting pursuits and have the chance to follow other interests and personal development.

And by formally recognising an institution's commitment to supporting student-athletes, the TASS Dual Career Accreditation Scheme aims to allow athletes to reach their potential in education alongside achieving success in their sport.

The scheme, backed by Baroness Tanni Grey-Thompson said "Having looked in detail at the talent pathway and the support available for talented young athletes in the Duty of Care review I carried out, I'm really pleased to learn that TASS are now accrediting education institutions.

"I believe we have to a duty to help young people to achieve their potential, whilst prioritising their welfare, wellbeing and education. For the vast majority of athletes, skills and formal qualifications are needed to help them find alternative careers, either alongside their sporting activities or once their sporting days are over".

"For me the TASS Dual Career Accreditation Scheme is a vitally important measure to ensuring all athletes have the chance to pursue an education and enjoy a more well-rounded approach to life."

Principal of Worthing College Paul Riley commented on the accreditation by stating: "I am delighted that the work of the Worthing College Academy of Sport has been honoured with the TASS Dual Career Accredited status. This will ensure that the college attracts the very best sports men and women to the college to nurture their sporting talents whilst continuing their post compulsory education. This accreditation fits perfectly with the college's mission 'to inspire, build confidence and prepare you for the life you want to live' as we open up a choice of over 60 courses for prospective students to study alongside their sporting endeavours".

Curriculum Manager of PE & Sport and TASS Dual Career Co-ordinator, Dave Hall was delighted that the hard work of the department had been awarded in this nationally recognized accreditation: "This shows that at the Worthing College Academy of Sport we continue to strive to provide the best

environment for our student athletes to be a success in the classroom as well as the sporting arena. We are currently the only College in Sussex to have this provision and the 13th College nationally to be awarded this honour, so again we strive to be one of the best Colleges' around the South for sporting and academic provision. I'm looking forward to working with this year's cohort as well as working with the local and regional clubs from a range of sports to help to inspire that next generation of student athletes."

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About TASS

TASS is part of the SportsAid family – we're funded by the National Lottery through Sport England with a brief to help young sportspeople juggle the demands of sport and education.

Since 2004 we've supported more than 6,000 sportspeople – enabling talented student athletes across the country to fulfil their academic and sporting potential.

TASS is recognised as a world leader in 'dual career' and has worked with and advised bodies as diverse as the IOC, EU and many government and sporting organisations.

In 2018/19 we are supporting more than 600 athletes across 32 sports.

TASS, delivers core support services to more than 400 student-athletes each year.

These support services include physiotherapy, nutrition, lifestyle support, psychology strength and conditioning and a private medical scheme.

While some of the existing services delivered focus solely on developing the young person's sporting performance, a dual career support structure and academic flexibility policies will be central to the help available to athletes based at an Accredited Site.

A designated Dual Career Coordinator will complete the Talented Athlete Support in Transitions and Education (TASTE) course, equipping them with the skills to practice a dual career approach.

Additionally, all Dual Career Accredited Sites will be supplied with a toolkit of resources to help provide practical dual career support and bring together all parties who work with the athlete.

For student athletes, the increased academic flexibility may mean they have the opportunity to access online notes or resources, have a choice of assignments, or even reschedule deadlines or exam dates in exceptional circumstances.

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