



Head's introduction

This is an outstanding opportunity to achieve your personal best under a world class coach at Ackworth School. The Table Tennis Academy will help you to achieve sports excellence on a national and international level.

Ackworth School has developed an exceptional tradition of sporting excellence in both girls' and boys' games in recent years. This year we are ranked the 10th best sporting school in the UK, up from number 13 last year!

We have achieved this through vigorous discipline, excellent coaching, investment in facilities and with a marked regard to flexibility in the curriculum.

Many pupils represent the school, Yorkshire and England at county and national level and several have continued to excel on the world stage The

Ackworth School Table Tennis Academy provides the environment in which players can train and develop, to attain excellence in performance while accessing a first-class education in a school that has a high regard for traditional values like truth, equality and peace. We invite you to visit us soon!

Anton Maree, Head

Ackworth學校成立的乒乓球學院，不單是全英最好的體育學院排名第10，還有世界級乒乓球教練，可以助您在國際級的層面，達到卓越水平，擁有個人最佳的成績。此舉可以令學生在學業及運動上，得到一個極佳的成長環境。



Meet the Coach Hong Hong Peebles



I was born in Guangzhou, China a few years ago and have played Table Tennis for as long as I can remember!

After completing the equivalents of A-Levels I spent two years in Australia to improve my English. During the 1990's I was Head Table Tennis Coach at Nanyang School in Singapore where we won the National Schools Championship. I also trained the Singapore National Youth Team.

I then moved to the Tornado Grantham Table Tennis Club where amongst others, I coached Emily Bates who won the National Titles in all of her age groups and became an England senior team player at only age 16. She captained the Grantham School team which won the National Schools Title for 6 consecutive years.

My next move was to Skegness Grammar School where I coached the team to the National Titles and developed one of the students, Tom Jarvis to become a European level player. Tom achieved National titles in all age groups and represented Great Britain at the Rio Olympics.

From Skegness, my next move was to become Head Coach at the Table Tennis England Development Centre at Ormesby. 7 of our players, including some from Ackworth School, were selected in the National Youth Team or the National mini-cadet team.

I am now based at Ackworth School and look forward to developing our current players to achieve the highest possible standard as well as cultivate up and coming talent. It is a pleasure to be here!

JASMIN WONG: 5th Year, from Hull

The programme has given me access to high-level training and competition. Being a boarder has also saved my parents from having to drive me all over the country for training and games! The highlight for me so far has been coming second in the Croatian Open and third, alongside Ruby Chan, in the doubles at the Spanish Open. I am aiming for the 2024 Olympics in Paris!

RUBY CHAN: 4th Year, from Harrogate

I have been at Ackworth since 2nd year and have really enjoyed it despite it being hard work, both physically and mentally! We train for about 18 hours per week, and that's on top of our schoolwork! Being in a Boarding School is a definite advantage as it allows us to maintain self-organization.

I feel I'm a much better player now than I was two years ago. The highlight for me has been coming 1st in the Under 15 National Cup.

My personal aim is to become a highly-ranked European player.

AMIRUL HUSSAIN: 4th Year, from Manchester

I have been at Ackworth for two years now, and

it's great! It is very high intensity as we are exposed to a number of excellent coaches which gives a good coach to player ratio. The highlight for me has been winning the England Under 15 National Championship. My next goal is to win the English Under 18 Championship, hopefully this year!

ALFREDO SANCHEZ: 4th Year, from Costa Rica

I am a recent arrival at Ackworth. I was playing in the US Open last year where I met the Ackworth Coach and she encouraged me to apply. I did so, and here I am!

I really like the fact that the programme combines Table Tennis with a really good academic programme. The coaches are superb!

JEFF THAM: 3rd Year, from Sheffield

I'm another 'new boy' to the Ackworth Table Tennis programme, having joined this term. The Ackworth coach saw my results and made contact suggesting that I apply. I did so and I was accepted! The programme to be really good as I can train every day without it disrupting my academic education.