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## Academy summary

The SGS Golf Academy offers young golfers a wonderful environment in which they are given every opportunity to drive their golfing abilities to their limits and beyond. A programme that offers continual guidance and mentoring from expert coaches, who have many years of experience working with talented young golfers and who have a proven track record of success.

All students have every opportunity to succeed in their chosen academic qualifications ranging from BTEC, A-Levels, foundation degree and bachelor's degree.

Our philosophy puts the students in control of their learning. We aim to build resilience, commitment and acceptance in our students, giving them the life skills that will help them to maximize their golfing skills as well as enhance their abilities to succeed in the modern world. They will not only be a better golfer when they leave us, but a better person.

## What we offer

The Academy offers 3 main training sessions (Monday PM, Wednesday PM, Friday AM), and daily contact with our two highly qualified and experienced PGA professionals, up to 120 days per year, with coaching input to suit your needs.

The main academy sessions are complimented with the use of our on-site facilities at the WISE Campus, including the indoor driving range, upgraded all-weather putting green, outdoor nets and a well-equipped, functional gym.

High levels of competition between talented youngsters within the Academy Order of Merit, and externally with the Intercollegiate Tour (ICT), national schools and other college events, to train that competitive edge.

Working with cutting edge technology in our Flightscope launch monitor and Capto 2.0 putting analysis system for instant feedback, along with other carefully selected training aids.

- Regular profiling with testing and on course assessments, to monitor practice effectiveness and guide areas for improvement leading to a personalized plan for maximum progression.
- Transport between the golf clubs for academy sessions, ICT events and other matches.
- A strength and conditioning programme developed by experienced instructors, with additional support from our resident physiotherapists.
- Highly regarded European Tour work experience trips to Wentworth, for the BMW PGA Championships and St Andrews, for the Alfred Dunhill Links Championships.
- Warm weather training trips to Portugal and Tenerife have also been a highlight.

## Facilities

SGS has developed a mutually beneficial long term relationships with two local golf clubs which both offer excellent facilities for SGS golf academy students.

Thornbury Golf Centre and The Players Golf Club

- 18 hole main course and excellent 18 hole par 3 course.
- Large floodlit driving range and putting green.

<https://thornburygc.co.uk>

## The Players Golf Club

- Two 18 hole courses
- The main course, Codrington, has held many professional events including the West Region Championships and Europro Championships and this year will hold the first round of the European Tour School. This course is a real challenge for any golfer.
- The shorter course, Stranahan, offers fantastic putting surfaces and challenges golfer's short game skills
- Grass driving range
- Water Garden par 3 course
- Short game area
- Three putting greens

[www.theplayersgolfclub.com](http://www.theplayersgolfclub.com)

## Who can apply

To be part of the academy you need to come along to a golf specific college open day, where we can discuss your individual needs and see you play on the indoor driving range. You will need a good golfing handicap. The majority of our golfers are from +2 to 9 handicap. There are scholarships available for national standard golfers, but most of all we look for commitment to work on your golf, and an openness to learn.

## Academy successes

- Jordan Smith: European Tour 2022, Porsche European Open winner 2017, Europro tour winner 2015, Challenge Tour winner 2016, Walker Cup 2013
- Jake Bolton: Walker Cup 2020, England International 2020, Scottish Open (amateur) winner 2019, England Schools National Championships winner 2016
- Mitch Waite: Challenge Tour player 2022, England International, Mens Order of Merit winner 2018
- Ben Amor: Alps Tour player 2020, MENA Tour player, England International 2016-2018, England Boys (Carris Trophy) winner 2013
- Alister Balcombe: The Open Qualifier 2015, England International 2015
- Ashley Mansell: PGA West Region Order of Merit winner 2017
- Olly Huggins: England International 2022



Current student golfer carrying board for Jordan Smith on the European Tour.

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