



READ SCHOOL
DRAX

Entry age:
16 years



FOOTBALL

STUDY PROGRAMME

Apply now for September entry



Are you a talented footballer - male or female - aged 16-18? *Let's take you to the next level.*

Read School, Drax, has developed an exciting and unique partnership with renowned **Pontefract Collieries Football Club**. Selected UK and international candidates will benefit from studying at our top independent day & boarding school in a nurturing environment and rural setting with acres of sports fields. At the same time, candidates will be fully immersed in the Pontefract Collieries Football Academy with an impressive track record of developing footballing potential and talent.

Read School, Drax

Founded in 1667, Read School is a co-educational independent day and boarding school in rural North Yorkshire, offering a high-quality education for pupils aged 3-18. Small class sizes, extensive grounds and sports fields, and a tranquil environment make Read an idyllic place both to study and play football.

The school is proud of its longstanding caring ethos that focuses on each pupil's ability and offers an individualised approach. Our overriding goal is to ensure each pupil realises their full potential, in all aspects of academic and extra-curricular learning. Read School was recently listed in The Sunday Times newspaper's top 100 UK Prep schools; fine recognition for its many qualities.

Pontefract Collieries Academy

Pontefract Collieries Football Academy strives to enable students, passionate about football, to develop their skills whilst gaining valuable complementary academic qualifications.

The alliance aims to achieve the highest standard of delivery for all learners by placing them at the centre. The alliance also aspires to motivate candidates, build confidence, inspire dreams and nurture talent; building a solid foundation for a strong and vibrant local economy through education and UEFA standard coaching.

Pontefract Collieries Club currently plays in the Northern Premier League, North/West Division and the academy has links with other professional clubs such as Leeds United, Barnsley F.C., Doncaster Rovers and Hull City.

Read School offers:

- A-Level PE or BTEC Sport with high-quality teaching in small class sizes.
- Opportunities to represent the school in football against other local and independent schools.
- Opportunities to develop coaching skills in-house, supporting younger players.
- Spacious accommodation in the boarding house on the Read School site in Drax, near Selby, with all meals, laundry and transportation included.
- Mentoring and support in all future university or apprenticeship applications.
- Tier 4 or 5 study visa sponsorship.
- Additional English support, if required.
- Three training sessions per week with an UEFA-licensed coach both at Read School where we recently installed £20k worth of LED floodlighting (18 lights) around two pitches & at Pontefract Collieries' with access to a top, state-of-the-art 4G training facility.
- Fixtures as part of the academy in the Youth Alliance League on a Wednesday afternoon, with home fixtures taking place at the Pontefract Collieries' Regional Electrical Services Stadium (RESS).
- Opportunities for talented players to be placed within various levels of the football pyramid by the club.
- Regular strength and conditioning sessions drawing on latest research and thinking.
- Opportunities to further develop coaching skills at both Pontefract Collieries and Read School.
- Regular bespoke reviews and feedback from staff team and other visiting industry professionals.



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Our Vision

To offer an integrated football scholarship programme for aspiring young football players in the local community.

Our Mission

To provide opportunities for pupils to participate, learn and develop their across-the-board footballing skills whilst benefitting from a second-to-none, independent Read School education.

Scholarship Programmes

The cost of joining the football academy is fully included in Read School fees, and football scholarship and bursary awards are available each year. Academy students also receive a basic training kit package.

How do I enrol?

Please contact us today for an information pack and to arrange a visit to the school and football club.

We will evaluate every applicant on both their football and education levels but also on their motivation, commitment and attitude to developing their football skills alongside learning. Candidates will be expected to undertake an interview and assessment with Read School and Pontefract Collieries teams.

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