

rugby league

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Established in September 2009, the Huddersfield New College Rugby League Academy is a relationship between Huddersfield New College and the Huddersfield Giants.

The partnership looks to direct talented athletes along two main pathways.

One pathway is responsible for making sure athletes gain educational qualifications that will benefit the individual during and after a playing career. The second is the development of player performance through specific HE provider, Northumbria University.

The academy is open to school leavers (16+) and applicants may be invited to attend trials as part of the selection process. Students will have the opportunity to study a Foundation, Intermediate or Advanced Level course determined by GCSE entry requirements (see college prospectus for details).



Leroy Cudjoe



Michael Lawrence



Rugby League Academy

Since its inception, the academy has continued to develop and hopes to offer a complete experience for players involved.

The Academy offers coaching qualifications, performance reviews and the opportunity to play abroad on tour.

The Rugby Academy has access to excellent facilities including a new 3G astroturf, fitness suite and swimming pool.



Tour to Southern France

The Northumbria University Elite Sports Scholarship Scheme is on offer to any promising individual playing sport.

Recently three academy members, Josh Taylor, Richard Squires and Matthew Garside (Sheffield Eagles), gained full scholarships to the university.



Competitive Opportunities

Academy students will represent Huddersfield New College in the Student Rugby League (SRL), Yorkshire league competition and the Champion Colleges Cup. Students will have the opportunity to gain representative honours at both regional and national level.



Clockwise from top: Josh Taylor, Matthew Garside, Richard Squires, Dominic Horn

Academy content:

- **Advanced training schedule with experienced coaches**
- **Performance reviews**
- **Personal conditioning programme**
- **Nutritional advice**

Progression will depend upon the academic entry level of the individual and the level of practical ability in performance and coaching. Possible routes include Higher Education, employment in the sport and leisure industry or a career in a Rugby League related profession.