

Meet the Coaching Team so far...



Ian Dews - Head Coach

Ian is an ECB Level 4 Coach of 18 years and has over 22 years of coaching experience at a professional level. He has held various roles, including 2nd XI Coach and Academy Director at Yorkshire County Cricket Club, coaching players from county age groups, through to international honours. Ian has been involved in the development of several current England stars who all graduated from the Academy including Old Peterite Jonny Bairstow, ex-England captain Joe Root, Adil Rashid and most recent debutants Alex Lees, Harry Brook, and Matthew Fisher. Previously Ian captained York CC for over 10 years and has returned to York CC as their Director of Cricket.

Matt Pillans - Coach

Following a first-class professional career in both South Africa where Matt represented Kwa Zulu Natal and the Dolphins, and the UK where he played professionally for Surrey, Leicestershire and Yorkshire. As well as joining the 2024 Academy Coaching team Matt will also be our professional batsman in 'Bowl the Pro' challenge and sharing his professional playing experience with our young cricketers.



Nick James - Academy Manager / Coach

Nick is an ECB level 2 coach with experience of coaching a wide age range of children. A qualified PE teacher with 12 years of experience at Rossall and Cundall Manor School and more recently also coaching cricket at St Peter's School. Nick was also part of the coaching team in the Cricket Academy in 2021 and 2022.

Nick has played in the Cheshire County premier league for several years as well as representing Cheshire CCC and Leeds Bradford MCCU. Nick currently plays at York CC.

Sam Grant - Coach

Sam is an ECB Level 2 coach, with 8 years coaching experience at club and school level. Sam is a member of the sports coaching team at St Peter's School and a part of the Academy coaching team in 2021 and 2022.

Sam is club professional at Clifton Alliance CC in York having previously played first class cricket for Loughborough University, and represented Sussex, Durham and Warwickshire Second XIs.



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