



## Welcome to Winchester Badminton Academy!

A very warm welcome to this, the first ever edition of Winchester Badminton Academy's brand new quarterly newsletter!

It gives me great pleasure to sit here and write to you, just nine months after creating our brand new badminton academy for juniors aged 6 to 18 years - and what a busy nine months it has been!

This newsletter is designed to provide you with lots of up-to-date information about the programmes we offer and how to get the most out of your time with us. We also welcome your feedback and views about how you feel you/your child is progressing. Contact Richard Peters at [info@winchesterbadmintonacademy.co.uk](mailto:info@winchesterbadmintonacademy.co.uk) or call 07769 214609.

In the meantime, on behalf of all the coaches at WBA, I would like to thank you for your support of Winchester Badminton Academy.

### Two New Venues for Winchester Badminton Academy

Back in September, WBA opened its doors to two new training venues - Ascot and Wellington.

With numbers steadily climbing at both of these new centres, WBA now provides high-quality badminton coaching to children across four areas of the Hampshire and Berkshire region.



Charters Leisure Centre, Ascot BA

### Adult Coaching Now Available at Winchester Lido

WBA now offers adult badminton coaching during the week at one of Winchester's best-loved landmarks - The Winchester Lido.

Over 60s can enjoy some exercise and badminton tips, (followed by coffee and cake!) on Monday mornings from 10:30am to 12:00pm.

Adult beginner/improver classes are available on Tuesdays from 12:00pm to 1:30pm.

Sessions are charged at £10.00 per person, per session (payable on the day). To reserve your place on either of these two programmes, visit our website.



### Children's Progress Recognised

Throughout the past nine months, WBA has been recognising the progress our players are making through the *Passport to Success* award scheme. All of our members have achieved the level 1 award (Blue) with many of our players now working towards levels 2 and 3. Well done to everyone and keep up the hard work!!





## WBA Branches Out into Schools

With the emergence of our new badminton academies, WBA has begun the process of providing Primary Schools in the Hampshire and Berkshire regions with some free taster sessions during curriculum PE time. Harestock Primary School (Winchester), Vigo Primary (Andover) and St Francis Catholic Primary (Ascot) are all currently receiving coaching in an effort to promote badminton in these areas of the county/region. More schools are set to receive some coaching in the new year. St Francis Catholic Primary School now have a badminton after-school club coached by WBA Head Coach Richard Peters. It is hoped that more schools will follow suit.

If only there were more days in the week!!

## WBA Launches New Tournaments for Club Level Juniors

Winchester Badminton Academy is hosting a series of competition-style events this Autumn as a way of providing new and beginner players with a chance to experience how a tournament is run. This new initiative provides a much-needed opportunity to juniors who are at the beginning of their badminton journey, many of whom will never have entered any tournaments previously.

Each of the events will take place at Westgate Badminton Centre in Winchester. Whilst places for these events are now full, we will soon be publishing the dates of future events to take place later in the Spring of 2023. For more information, keep an eye on our website for further details.

## New Safeguarding Policy

Within the past few weeks, Richard Peters has completed his formal training to become a Club Welfare Officer. If you have any questions or concerns of a safeguarding nature, please inform Richard by using the dedicated address at:

[safeguarding@winchesterbadmintonacademy.co.uk](mailto:safeguarding@winchesterbadmintonacademy.co.uk)

A copy of WBA's new Safeguarding policy can be found on our website. Further information can be found at:

[www.badmintonengland.co.uk/safeguarding](http://www.badmintonengland.co.uk/safeguarding) or by emailing:

[safeguarding@badmintonengland.co.uk](mailto:safeguarding@badmintonengland.co.uk)

## Have your say.....

If you have any questions or thoughts you would like to put to us or share with our membership community, please contact Richard Peters directly.

We will endeavour to publish your comments and suggestions within each Newsletter.

