

Ryan Awarded Scholarship to Pursue Coaching Ambitions



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An aspiring basketball coach from the Isle of Wight has been awarded a University Scholarship to help him pursue his coaching ambitions.

Ryan Emery, who is from Ventnor, has played the sport since the age of 14, and is in the second year of his [Sports Development and Coaching](#) course at the University of Worcester.

The University owns the British Basketball League side the Worcester Wolves, and is known as one of Britain's premier universities for basketball.

Since beginning his course in 2013, Ryan has been involved with coaching the club's youth teams side, and has this year stepped up to the position of Head Coach of the Wolves' under-18 side.

His efforts have now been recognised by the [University's Scholarship Panel](#), which provides financial support to students who undertake extra-curricular activities in areas such as sport, music and the arts, as well as volunteering projects.

Ryan, who is 21, explains: "It is fantastic to be awarded this scholarship. It means I can focus on juggling my studies and my coaching without the added stress of needing to seek employment elsewhere."

Having earned his level 2 coaching award before commencing his degree, Ryan says that Worcester was the 'ideal' place at which to combine studying with developing his coaching knowledge.

"The experience I've gained here in Worcester is second to none," he says. "Working as part of the Wolves academy has allowed me to learn and develop as a coach, bringing in theories and concepts from lectures and implementing them into training and game situations. It's a great way to learn.

"[Paul James](#) (Head Coach of the Wolves' first team) is my mentor at the University; if I have an issue or need advice on how to approach a situation, I can go and discuss it with him.

"It is great to have that experience to fall back on. [Alex Radu](#) (Assistant Coach of both the Wolves and the Romania Ladies' team) is a lecturer on my course and is always asking how the season is going and giving me advice on my coaching after lectures."

Ryan - whose under-18 team just missed out on the play-off positions in their league this season, finishing third – plans to study Worcester's Master's degree in Basketball Coaching Science once he has completed his undergraduate studies.

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