

# FUTURE WANDERERS

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2025/26

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YOUTH DEVELOPMENT



# DORKING WANDERERS FC YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

U7-U16 BOYS SQUADS

U8, U12, U14, U15  
& U16 GIRLS SQUADS

UEFA QUALIFIED  
COACHES FOR  
TRAINING & GAMES

BESPOKE DORKING  
WANDERERS  
CURRICULUM &  
PRINCIPLES OF PLAY

GOALKEEPER TRAINING

OPPORTUNITY OF  
VED FOOTAGE

USE OF ALL DORKING  
WANDERERS VENUES

PART OF THE JPL, SYL  
& E&E LEAGUE  
PROGRAMMES

EXTRA TECHNICAL  
COACHING CLINICS

HOLIDAY COACHING  
CENTRES

WE ARE THE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT  
SECTION OF NATIONAL LEAGUE CLUB  
DORKING WANDERERS FC



We identify and recruit the best local talent, then help these players develop the technical, physical, social and psychological skills necessary to maximise their potential, in a positive, pressure-free environment.

We provide the first steps for committed young players on a pathway to the Dorking Wanderers FC Men's and Women's First Teams.

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# HISTORY

## ELITE DEVELOPMENT HISTORY

**2019/20**

Dorking Wanderers Elite launches with three boys squads (U12s, U13s & U14s) playing in the Surrey Youth League.

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**2020/21**

Section extends to five teams, all playing in the top divisions of the Surrey Youth League.

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**2021/22**

Dom Plank makes Senior Debut for First team scoring two goals.

SYL U12 Cup Winners.

U16 Surrey Futsal Champions.

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**2022/23**

Dom Plank is sold to Premier League Wolves.

Surrey U16 County Cup Winners.

Enter Junior Premier League.

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**2023/24**

11 former DWE players included in Senior Reserves Squad.

5 players signed by Prem League/EFL academies.

DW Elite Girls Section launched.

London U16 County Cup Winners.

U15 & U16 Girls both win

SCWGL League/Cup Doubles.

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**2024/25**

17 Elite squads (Boys & Girls) playing in JPL, SYL, SCWGL.

Pre-Academy, 6 Performance Centres, GK Centre.

U16 Boys enter Inaugural National League Academy system.

Women's U18/Development Team launched.

**2025/26**

The Dorking Wanderers 'Elite' and 'Youth' sections combine for a single-minded approach, led by CEO Jonathan Bines and Head of Football Rob Tuvey.

## YOUTH DEVELOPMENT HISTORY

**2014**

Dorking Wanderers Youth was established in 2014, born from a group of committed parents who came together to form grassroots teams under the name Ockley & Mole Valley Rangers.

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**2017/2018**

The club's first competitive side, the U11s, debuted in the Tandridge League and immediately made their mark - winning both the Winter and Autumn cups in a highly successful inaugural campaign.

Mini Wanderers programme is formed, designed for players aged between 4 and 6 looking to begin their football journey's with a view to joining teams from the U7 age group.

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**2018/19**

Midfielder Callum Manning becomes the first youth and academy player to play for the Dorking Wanderers first team, in a pre-season friendly against Welling United.

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**2021**

Dorking Wanderers takes over the stewardship of the Youth section and grow it from a "a football for all" approach to a designated development programme, with the number of players expanding from 120 to 350.

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**2021/22**

The Youth U12's win the SYL League Cup, the first silverware for a Youth team in the Development phase.

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**2022/2023**

U12's win the League Cup Trophy.

U16's win the Surrey County Cup.

U15 Boys achieve a League and Cup double in the Epsom & Ewell League.

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**2023/2024**

U15 Girls & U16 Girls achieve League and Cup Double's in the Surrey County Women's & Girls League.

U16 Boys win U16 London Cup.

First players to grow from foundation to join the academy as players.

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**2024/25**

U13 Boys win the League Cup.

U14's are Surrey Youth League Champions.



# PATHWAY

**MEN'S FIRST TEAM**



**B TEAM**



**POST-16 ACADEMY**



**NATIONAL LEAGUE U16s**



**YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PHASE  
U13-U16s JPL, SYL, E&E**



**FOUNDATION PHASE  
U9-U12s SYL, E&E**



**PRE-ACADEMY U8s**

**BOYS**

**WOMEN'S FIRST TEAM**



**U23s**



**POST-16 ACADEMY**



**U16s**



**U14s**



**U12s**



**U8s**

**GIRLS**

**MINI WANDERERS U4-U6s**



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# MINI WANDERERS & PRE-ACADEMY PHASE

U4 - U8s



HAVE FUN - SUPPORT EACH OTHER - EXPRESS YOURSELF - BE BRAVE

## MINI WANDERERS: U4-U6s

- **SESSION INFORMATION: SATURDAYS**  
9.00-9.45 U4s (PRE-SCHOOL AGE)  
9.00-10.00 U5s (RECEPTION)  
10.00-11.00 U6s (YEAR 1)
- **VENUE: ST JOHN'S SCHOOL,**  
GOODWYNS ROAD, DORKING RH4 2LR
- **PROGRAMME FOCUS DETAILS:**  
CORE SKILLS, BALL MASTERY,  
BALL STRIKING,  
FUNDAMENTAL UNDERSTANDING,  
SMALL SIDED GAMES (1V1, 2V2, 3V3),  
PREPARATION FOR U7S
- A SAFE, FUN & CHALLENGING  
ENVIRONMENT TO DEVELOP  
FUTURE STARS

## PRE ACADEMY PHASE: U7 & U8s

**FORMATS: 5V5**

**MATCH PROGRAMME:**  
SATURDAY: EPSOM & EWELL  
SUNDAY: SURREY YOUTH LEAGUES

**FULL-TIME PHASE LEAD**

**HEAD OF COACHING**

**REGULAR INDIVIDUAL  
DEVELOPMENT PROGRESS  
(IDP) REPORTS**



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# FOUNDATION PHASE

U9 - U12s

RESPECTFUL - RECEPTIVE - RESILIENT - RELENTLESS - RUTHLESS

- **FORMAT:** 7V7, 9V9
- **MATCH PROGRAMME:**  
SATURDAY: EPSOM & EWELL  
SUNDAY: SURREY YOUTH LEAGUE  
LEAGUE & COUNTY CUP  
COMPETITIONS ON BOTH DAYS
- **MATCH/TRAINING VENUES:**  
MEADOWBANK STADIUM  
SURREY SPORTS PARK  
WESTHUMBLE  
ST. JOHN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

DEDICATED GK TRAINING

FULL-TIME PHASE LEAD

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# YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PHASE

U13 - U16s

RESPECTFUL - RECEPTIVE - RESILIENT - RELENTLESS - RUTHLESS

• **FORMAT:** 11v11

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• **MATCH PROGRAMME:**

SATURDAY: JPL

SUNDAY: SURREY YOUTH LEAGUE

LEAGUE & COUNTY CUP

COMPETITIONS ON BOTH DAYS

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• **MATCH/TRAINING VENUES:**

MEADOWBANK STADIUM

SURREY SPORTS PARK

CARRINGTON SCHOOL

WESTHUMBLE

DEDICATED GK TRAINING

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FULL-TIME PHASE LEAD

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PATHWAY INTO THE  
DORKING WANDERERS B TEAM



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# GIRLS SECTION

U8- U23s



RESPECTFUL - RECEPTIVE - RESILIENT - RELENTLESS - RUTHLESS

- **AGES:** U8, U12, U14, U16, U18 & U23

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- **MATCH PROGRAMME:**  
SATURDAY: JPL  
SUNDAY: SCWGL  
LEAGUE & COUNTY CUP  
COMPETITIONS ON BOTH DAYS

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- **MATCH/TRAINING VENUES:**  
MEADOWBANK STADIUM  
SURREY SPORTS PARK  
CARRINGTON SCHOOL  
ORIEL HIGH SCHOOL  
WESTHUMBLE

DEDICATED GK TRAINING

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# TECHNICAL CLINICS



OPEN TO BOYS & GIRLS

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**AT DORKING WANDERERS, PLAYER DEVELOPMENT IS AT THE HEART OF EVERYTHING WE DO - NOT JUST FOR TEAM SUCCESS, BUT TO UNLOCK EACH INDIVIDUAL'S POTENTIAL. THAT'S WHY WE RUN DEDICATED TECHNICAL CLINICS FOR PLAYERS AGED U7 TO U16, STRUCTURED TO GIVE THEM FOCUSED, HIGH-QUALITY TRAINING THAT COMPLEMENTS THEIR REGULAR TEAM SESSIONS.**

## PRE-ACADEMY & YOUTH FOUNDATION PHASE

**PLAYERS (U7-U11)** *clinics are designed to accelerate individual technical skills, enhancing overall decision making.*

**IVI ATTACKING** - *to execute ball mastery effectively and manipulate the ball off both feet, enhancing the ability to make good decisions and dominate these duels.*

**IVI DEFENDING** - *learning how to stay balanced, delay to win back possession effectively. Also to use their body to dominate duels.*

**PASSING** - *developing both accuracy and weight of pass off both feet.*

**BALL STRIKING** - *improving technique for finishing and longer range passing.*

This foundation stage is about helping players become confident on the ball in all areas of the pitch, with plenty of repetition and individual feedback.

**OUR CLINICS ALSO FOCUS ON BUILDING A WINNING MENTALITY. WE TEACH PLAYERS HOW TO COMPETE WITH INTENSITY, STAY MENTALLY RESILIENT, AND APPROACH EVERY CHALLENGE WITH DISCIPLINE AND PURPOSE - THE QUALITIES THAT FORM A FUTURE DORKING WANDERERS PLAYER.**

## FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PHASE PLAYERS

**(U12-U16)**, *we introduce position-specific training. Players begin to understand the tactical and technical demands of their roles:*

**GOALKEEPERS** - *shot-stopping, diving, footwork, communication, distribution, and positioning. Also be comfortable with the ball at their feet, to distribute effectively under pressure.*

**DEFENDERS** - *focus on positional/unit understanding, timing of tackles to win possession, communication and being able to play out at the back under pressure.*

**MIDFIELDERS** - *Key topics include: controlling the game's tempo, linking defence-attack, dictating play, tactical awareness and work ethic.*

**FORWARDS** - *Focus on their off the ball movement, variation of finishing, decision-making to Link-up Play as well as creating Space and Body Shape to receive the ball.*

The aim is to provide players with the tools, habits, and mindset they need to thrive in matches - and, ultimately, to prepare them for a potential pathway into the first team.

**UNDER 7S TECHNICAL CLINICS WILL TAKE PLACE ON A MONDAY AT MEADOWBANK STADIUM.**

**BOOK NOW  
SPACES ARE LIMITED**

*PRIORITY BOOKINGS OPEN TO DW PLAYERS  
FROM JULY 30TH 2025*



<https://club.spond.com/landing/courses/dorkingwanderers>

### DAY/TIME:

TUESDAYS 18:00-19:00 (FP) 19:00-20:00 (YDP)  
MONDAYS 17:30-18:30 (U7)

**LOCATION:** MEADOWBANK STADIUM, DORKING,  
RH4 1DX

RUNNING FROM 2ND SEPT 2025-29TH JUNE 2026



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# HOLIDAY COACHING CENTRES

**OUR COACHING CENTRES ARE RUN THROUGHOUT THE YEAR DURING VARIOUS SCHOOL HOLIDAYS, AND ARE HERE TO FURTHER DEVELOP OUR PLAYERS ATTRIBUTES THROUGH OUR CORE TECHNICAL FOCUSES OF:**

- **IVI ATTACKING AND DEFENDING PRINCIPLES**
- **BALL MASTERY AND MANIPULATION WITH BOTH FEET**
- **PASSING AND RECEIVING**
- **BALL STRIKING**
- **S&C TOPICS**

These are all done in safe and challenging scenarios, challenging all players' technical, tactical, physical & social development to enhance overall decision making.

Included in the day's schedule are additional football challenges, games and various match scenarios to ensure the players continue their 'love of the game' in competitive situations.

All of our coaching centres include tournaments which give the opportunity to win medals and prizes, feeding our winning mentality.

**TIMINGS: 9.30-3.30**

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SPACES ARE LIMITED**



*PLACES ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS*

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### **DATES:**

**OCT HALF TERM 2025:**  
MONDAY 27TH OCTOBER  
TUESDAY 28TH OCTOBER

**FEB HALF TERM 2026:**  
THURSDAY 19TH FEBRUARY  
FRIDAY 20TH FEBRUARY

### **EASTER 2026:**

TUESDAY 31ST MARCH  
WEDNESDAY 1ST APRIL  
THURSDAY 2ND APRIL  
FRIDAY 3RD APRIL

**MAY HALF TERM 2026:**  
TUESDAY 26TH MAY  
WEDNESDAY 27TH MAY



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# CALENDAR 2025/26

## MONDAYS

- **U7 Technical Clinics (MB)**  
17:30-18:30

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- **U8 Girls training (MB)**  
17:30-19:00

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- **U11 Reds & Yellows training (SJ)**  
18:30-20:00

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- **U14 Youth Yellows, Reds & Blues training (CR)**  
19:30-21:00

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- **U16 Blues & U15 Reds training (MB)**  
20:30-22:00

## TUESDAYS

- **Technical Clinics (MB)**  
18:00-20:00

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- **All U7s training (SJ)**  
17:00-18:00

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- **All U10s training (SJ)**  
18:00-19:30

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- **U12 Girls training (OR)**  
19:00-20:30

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- **U12 Reds & Whites training (SJ)**  
19:30-21:00  
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## WEDNESDAYS

- **U13 Reds, U9 Blues & Reds training (MB)**  
16:30-18:00

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- **U9 Whites & Yellows training (SJ)**  
18:00-19:30

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- **U12 Yellows & Youth Whites training (SJ)**  
19:30-21:00

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- **U15 JPL, U16 Yellows, U14 & U16 Girls Training (CR)**  
19:30-21:00

## THURSDAYS

- **U13 Yellows & U8 Blues, Whites & Yellows training (MB)**  
16:30-18:00

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- **U8 Reds & Oranges, U16 NL, U13 Reds & Youth Reds training (MB)**  
18:00-19:30

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- **U16 Reds, U15 Blues & Yellows, U14 JPL training (MB)**  
19:30-21:00

## FRIDAYS

- **U11 Youth Reds training (SJ)**  
18:30-20:00

## SATURDAYS

- **Epsom & Ewell League Fixtures** (Commencing 6th Sept, Finishing 2nd May)

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- **JPL Fixtures** (Commencing 6th Sept, Finishing 2nd May)

## SUNDAYS

- **Surrey Youth League Fixtures** (Commencing 14th Sept, Finishing 9th May)  
09:00-10:00

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- **Surrey County Womens & Girls League Fixtures** (Commencing 6th Sept, Finishing 2nd May)  
09:00-10:00

### LOCATION KEY:

MB – Meadowbank CR – Carrington  
SJ – St Johns Primary School  
OR – Oriell High School

## KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### TRAINING SEASON 2025/26:

**U7-U12 First Session:**  
W/C 18th August 2025

**Last session:**  
W/C 1st June 2026

**U13-U16 First Session:**  
W/C 11th August 2025

**Last Session:**  
W/C 1st June 2026

### HOLIDAY COACHING CENTRES:

Mon 27th October  
Tue 28th October

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Thurs 19th February  
Fri 20th February

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Tues 31st March  
Weds 1st April  
Thurs 2nd April  
Fri 3rd April

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Tues 26th May  
Wed 27th May

### TOURNAMENTS:

U7s Mon 27th October  
U8s Tue 28th October

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U10s Thurs 19th February

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U11s Weds 1st April  
U12s Fri 3rd April

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U9s Tues 26th May  
U6s Wed 27th May

WE LOOK FORWARD TO  
WELCOMING YOU TO  
DORKING WANDERERS FC

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