

HOCKEY

Oakham is one of the top hockey-playing schools in the UK, fielding 75 hockey teams from 1st XI to U11 level for girls and boys.

We run a highly competitive fixture list including schools, clubs, universities and national competitions. Our year round training and playing programme offers pre-season training camps, indoor and outdoor fixtures in the winter and spring, additional coaching in the summer and overseas tours.

Players at Oakham have access to our first-class facilities 7 days a week, including two sand-dressed hybrid pitches with floodlights, an indoor sports centre and a Strength and Conditioning gym.

Our U18, U16 and U14 Girls' and Boys' teams compete in the Tier 1 National Cup competitions, regularly making it to the final 8 stage of the competition and ranking in the top flight of UK schools. Our U16 Girls were Runners-Up in the 2024 Tier 1 Cup Competition.

Our team of dedicated and highly qualified coaches is led by Director of Hockey Neil Evans, who has extensive county, regional and National League hockey experience. His team includes Alex Cooper who coaches England Universities Men's Hockey and England Over 45's, former GB and Leicester City player Katie Long, and former Director of Hockey Ashley Denman. Additionally Matt Taylor, Director of Hockey at MT13 and Nottingham University and Jamie Cachia, Head Coach of Durham University and Goalkeeper Coach with the Great Britain Elite Development Programme.

Old Oakhamian Crista Cullen ('02) running a coaching masterclass for Lower School hockey players

PERFORMANCE PATHWAYS

Individual player development is of paramount importance to our hockey programme, making Oakham a superb choice for any student who wishes to play top school and club hockey.

We support our athletes with their hockey journey within the England Hockey Player Pathway by providing access to our own Skills Academy, County and Regional Performance Centres, and Men's and Women's National League Clubs to deliver an exciting, dynamic, and progressive hockey programme for our players.

We have developed excellent relationships with professional clubs and support pupils playing at:

- Beeston Hockey Club
- Leicester Ladies Hockey Club
- Loughborough Students Hockey Club
- Peterborough Hockey Club
- University of Nottingham Hockey Club



INDOOR HOCKEY

Our performance players train all year round and compete over both the Winter and Spring Terms, participating in 6-a-side competitive indoor fixtures. Playing in this fast paced and highly entertaining environment helps our players to improve all aspects of their game, and in particular their stick handling skills and vision on the field.

HOCKEY ALUMNI

Old Oakhamians go on to play hockey for a number of top clubs, including TSV Mannheim in Germany, Rotterdam in Holland, and Reading, Clifton and Holcombe in the UK. At international level our alumni include double-Olympic medal winner Crista Cullen ('02), England international Kathryn Lane ('13), German international Alex Stadler ('15), England and Great Britain players Matt Ramshaw ('17) and Maddie Pearce ('18).



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