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March has been another fantastic month for the Thirsk Talent Hub, with students continuing to develop both on and off the pitch. From delivering sessions in local primary schools to engaging in new learning within our programme, the group has shown excellent commitment, maturity, and enthusiasm.

A key highlight has been our continued focus on Performance Analysis, where students are learning how to observe, reflect, and improve performance — developing their understanding of the game in greater detail.

Alongside this, our work within the community has grown, with students taking on leadership roles and representing the Hub with professionalism and pride.

performance analysis

After February half term, we began our Performance Analysis Scheme of Work, where students are learning how to observe, record, and reflect on performance.

Early learning has focused on:

- identifying strengths and areas for improvement
- understanding key performance indicators
- using observation to support player development

This scheme will help students become more reflective players, coaches, and leaders — developing their football IQ alongside practical skills.





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After-School Enrichment Sessions @ Easingwold Primary School

Delivered by the York City Talent Hub

Throughout this half-term, our Talent Hub coaches, Dilan and Dan, have been visiting Easingwold Primary School to deliver football sessions working with pupils from Years 4–6.

The pupils showed great enthusiasm throughout, and it was fantastic to see so many young players enjoying football in a structured and supportive environment.

For the Talent Hub, this was another excellent opportunity to strengthen links within the local community and showcase the programme. The sessions reflected the high standards, values, and coaching approach that underpin everything we do.

We look forward to building on this relationship and continuing to support local schools in the future.



To book a place on the sessions please use the QR code to access the form. If you have any queries about the programme please contact either:

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Talent Hub Trophy

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This month, the Thirsk Talent Hub proudly hosted the Talent Hub Trophy, welcoming Year 3 and Year 4 pupils from the Hambleton district for an exciting day of football, learning, and enjoyment.

The event brought together young players from across the local area, creating a fantastic environment where children could experience the game in a fun, supportive, and engaging setting. From the first whistle to the final game, the energy, enthusiasm, and smiles on display showed exactly what grassroots football is all about.

A standout feature of the event was the involvement of our Year 9 Talent Hub students, who played a key role in delivering the day.

They took responsibility for:

- organising fixtures and managing games
- refereeing matches
- supporting and encouraging players
- helping the event run smoothly

Their professionalism, confidence, and communication were excellent throughout. This provided a brilliant opportunity for them to apply their learning from the programme in a real environment, demonstrating leadership, responsibility, and maturity throughout.





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challenge zone

QUICK QUIZ

1. What is first step of Performance Analysis?

2. How would you deliver analysis for your team at the weekend?

3. How do you produce positive feedback for a player?

Discuss with a teammate or coach and explain why.

Your Canva profile name won't be shared

Spot the Analyst:

Next time you watch a match (live or on TV), try this:

Identify one player strength

Identify one area for improvement

Suggest one coaching point

That's performance analysis in action!

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did you know...

Did you know performance analysts can watch the same match 3–4 times, each time focusing on different details such as positioning, decision-making, and movement?

Did you know analysts often use key performance indicators (KPIs) like passes completed, duels won, and chances created to evaluate performance?

Did you know video analysis helps players improve faster because they can see their decisions, not just remember them?

Did you know analysts don't just look at mistakes — they also identify what players do well to help build confidence and consistency?





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COACHES' CORNER

TIPS OF THE MONTH

resilience
Keep working hard, even when things are challenging

respect
Support others and represent the Hub positively

pitch personality
determination
Stay focused and committed to improvement

Dilan's reflections talent hub lead coach

"This month has highlighted the importance of applying learning in real environments. Whether coaching in primary schools or supporting events like the Talent Hub Trophy, students have shown maturity, leadership, and professionalism.

The continued focus on Performance Analysis is also developing a deeper understanding of the game. Students are starting to think more critically, which will support their long-term development.

This next phase is about developing confident leaders — using coaching to improve communication, organisation, and the ability to positively influence others."



Dan's reflections talent hub coach

"March has been a brilliant month, particularly with the opportunities our students have had to work within the community. Delivering sessions at Easingwold Primary was a great experience, and the way students conducted themselves was excellent.

It's been really pleasing to see their confidence grow, especially when leading younger players. These moments are where real development happens — stepping outside comfort zones and taking responsibility.

We're now moving into our coaching block, where students will take ownership of sessions and continue to build confidence in planning, delivering, and supporting others."

