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**WHITMORE CRICKET CLUB
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Welcome to Our

Women & Girls' 24

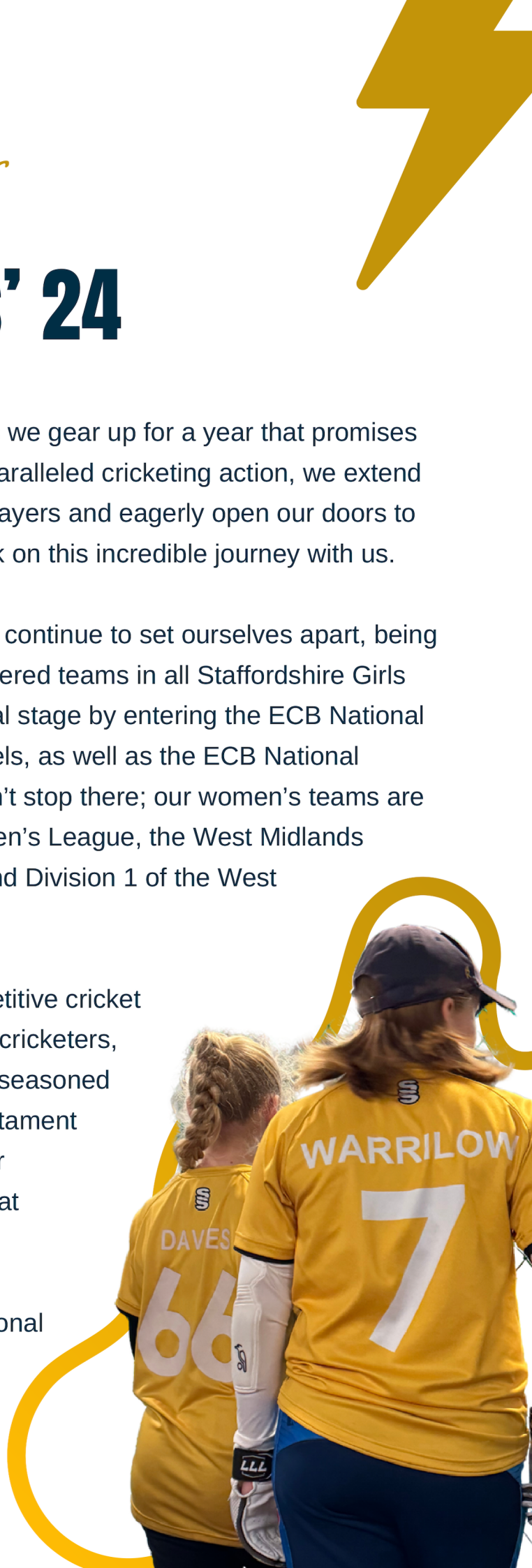
Welcome to our 2024 cricket season! As we gear up for a year that promises to be full of excitement, growth, and unparalleled cricketing action, we extend the warmest welcome to our returning players and eagerly open our doors to the new talents who are about to embark on this incredible journey with us.

This season is particularly special as we continue to set ourselves apart, being the only club in Staffordshire to have entered teams in all Staffordshire Girls leagues. We also take aim at the national stage by entering the ECB National T20 Cups at the U13, U15, and U19 levels, as well as the ECB National Women's T20 Plate. Our ambition doesn't stop there; our women's teams are making waves in the Staffordshire Women's League, the West Midlands Counties League, and both Division 2 and Division 1 of the West Midlands Women's League.

This wide-ranging engagement in competitive cricket provides an unmatched pathway for our cricketers, from beginners taking their first steps to seasoned players aiming for new heights. It's a testament to our belief in providing opportunities for development, competition, and success at every level.

Here's to a season of great cricket, personal achievements, and collective success.

The Women & Girls Team





WHITMORE ALL STARS

**FROM ALL STARS TO OUR STARS: GEAR UP, STAND OUT,
SHINE TOGETHER!**

This season at Whitmore, we're thrilled to introduce the ECB All Stars programme, a mixed initiative that marks the first step in our dedicated pathway for women and girls in cricket. This 8-week training is designed to ignite a passion for cricket among our U8 girls and boys, with a special focus on laying a strong foundation for the girls in the sport.

To foster a sense of unity and identity, all U8 participants will receive a complimentary, exclusive Whitmore junior shirt and bat, distinct from the ECB All Stars kit, to ensure they feel a valued part of our community. This gesture is particularly meaningful for the girls, reinforcing their integral role in our cricketing family.

The programme culminates in U8 league fixtures every Saturday at 9 am, offering a blend of competitive play and community building. This mixed setting serves as more than just a cricketing platform; it's a stepping stone for every young girl aspiring to make her mark in the sport, ensuring they feel included, valued, and poised for growth within the vibrant ecosystem of Whitmore cricket.

EVERY FRIDAY, 6PM - STARTING 19TH APRIL - 5-8 YEAR OLDS

FREE MATCH SHIRT



Introduction To Our

Girls' Programme



Whitmore Cricket Club proudly stands at the forefront of nurturing young female talent in North Staffordshire, embodying a commitment to girls' cricket.

As the only North Staffs club entering teams across all age groups in the Staffordshire Girls League and ECB National T20 competitions, Whitmore has become synonymous with opportunity and growth in girls' cricket.

In addition to Friday night Junior Academy training, girls in year 8 and above, alongside year 7 county players, are invited to **Women's training sessions each Thursday from 6-8pm**. These sessions are designed to refine skills, foster team spirit, and prepare players for the next steps in their cricketing journey.

Girls U12 Softball: The U12 softball team kicks off Whitmore's journey into girls' cricket, offering a welcoming and supportive environment for our youngest players to fall in love with the game, all while competing in the Staffordshire Girls League.

Girls U13 Hardball: Elevating the competition, our U13 hardball team not only competes locally in the Staffordshire Girls League but also takes on the challenge of the ECB National T20 Cup.

Girls U15 Hardball T20: The U15 squad continues the hardball tradition, with a focus on the T20 format. These young athletes compete fiercely in both the Staffordshire Girls League and the ECB National T20 Cup, a title that they proudly won in 2022.

Girls U19 Hardball T20: At the pinnacle of our girls teams, the U19 hardball T20 team represents Whitmore in the ECB National T20 Cup.

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U12 GIRLS SOFTBALL LEAGUE



Dive into Whitmore U12 Girls Softball, the first girls-only stage in our Women & Girls pathway, and kickstart your cricket journey!

Join us for junior training every Friday at 6pm to sharpen your skills, forge new friendships, and be part of an empowering team environment.

As part of the Staffordshire Girls U12 Softball League, you'll experience the thrill of competition and showcase your growing talent. It's more than cricket; it's about fun, friendship, and beginning the next step in your cricket adventure.

Spotlight On Our

Women's Programme



Whitmore Women's Cricket combines a deep sense of community and togetherness with an unwavering commitment to talent development and excellence. This distinctive blend positions us at the forefront of Women's cricket in Staffordshire, focusing on nurturing skills and driving competitive achievements.

We take pride in our comprehensive pathway designed to seamlessly transition our girls from budding cricketers to competitive athletes within our women's teams. From initial participation in our All Stars programme to competing in age-specific leagues, every step is carefully structured to foster growth, skill development, and a deep love for the game.

It's a journey that not only highlights our commitment to nurturing future cricketing stars but also ensures that every girl has the support, guidance, and opportunity to realise her cricketing ambitions.

Our structure spans from the ambitious 1st XI in Division 1 of the West Midlands Women's League and the ECB National T20 Plate to the 2nd XI striving for promotion in Division 2. The diversity of our teams, including the 3rd XI in the West Midlands Counties League with its mix of T20 and 30-over formats, and the 4th XI in the Staffordshire hardball league playing 16-over pairs hardball cricket, ensures opportunities for players at every level.

Our commitment to excellence is further reinforced by dedicated training sessions every Thursday, tailored specifically for our women's teams. This dedicated focus on development, coupled with our broad participation in competitive leagues, affirms Whitmore as one of the most comprehensive women's cricket offerings in Staffordshire.

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Using Our Club App, Pitchero

To ensure that you are always in the loop for team selections, match fixtures, training sessions, and other crucial information, use of our club membership website and app, Pitchero is vital.

Here's how you can ensure availability for selection and stay updated:

Pitchero Registration: First and foremost, make sure you have registered on Pitchero. This platform is your one-stop destination for all things related to Whitmore Cricket Club.

Availability for Selection: To indicate availability for matches, simply log into Pitchero and update availability for the relevant fixtures. This ensures the coaches and captains know who is ready to play and helps them make informed decisions about team selections.

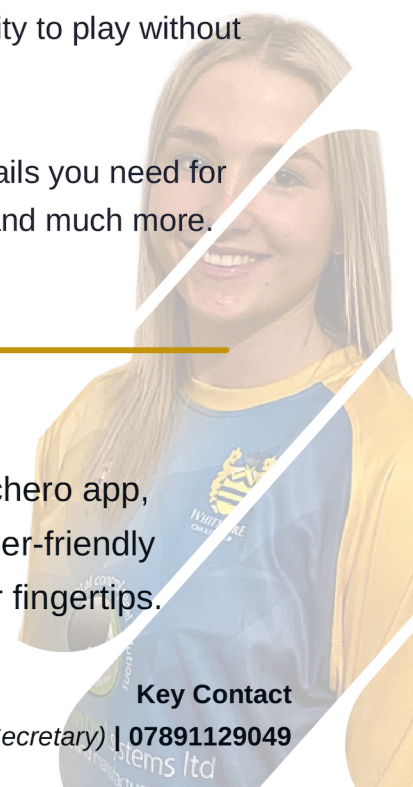
Stay Informed: Pitchero is also where you'll find up-to-date fixture lists and training schedules. Keeping an eye on these will help you plan ahead and ensure opportunities to play or train are not missed. Pitchero is where you'll receive all club news and event updates. Staying engaged with the club's activities has never been easier.

Membership and Match Fees: The platform allows for the easy payment of memberships and, when required, match fees. This streamlined process ensures eligibility to play without any hassle.

Match-Day Information: Beyond selections, Pitchero provides all the details you need for match days, including arrival times, game schedules, venue information, and much more.

Accessing Pitchero:

For the best experience, we highly recommend downloading the Pitchero app, available for both Apple and Android devices. The app provides a user-friendly interface and ensures you have all the necessary information at your fingertips.



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2024 SEASON WELCOME EVENING

FRIDAY 26TH APRIL, 6PM

Get ready for a fun-filled evening packed with junior training, the excitement of new kit arrivals, and loads of good vibes! Plus, the bar's open with some fantastic new draft offerings to quench your thirst and, to top it off, complimentary pizza for everyone to enjoy.

Pop down to catch up on cricket for the seniors, women and girls, or the juniors, or just to hang out. Our amazing Committee and Coaching team will be around to answer all your questions.

Everyone's welcome - bring your friends, your love for the game, or just your appetite for pizza and drinks.

Let's make it a fantastic welcome evening !

*Junior training | Junior shirt pick-up | Women & girls shirt pick-up
Complimentary pizza | New bar drinks selection*



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