

# THE WIMX ACADEMY

## TENNIS TRAINING & COACHING APPRENTICESHIP

As part of a unique apprenticeship initiative, the WimX Academy are offering eight coaching and training apprenticeships for players aged 16 and above who want to enhance their career options whilst still training and trying to fulfill their own tennis potential. This is not about just learning to be a coach, it's about covering bases and gaining experience and qualifications that can help those after they are no longer pursuing playing ambitions of their own. It also allows for the candidates to earn some money whilst they are training.

There is no specific rating requirement, and this scheme can service an 8.2 as easily as a 3.2. WimX firmly believe that candidates will become better coaches if they continue to improve their own games. The playing part of the apprenticeship will be essential for any candidates who are looking to go on to a college tennis scholarship, and this playing element will also service the more inexperienced players who can only benefit from improving their own standards in a constructive environment.

In partnership with SEEVIC College, Level 2 apprenticeships are offered for players aged 16-18, and WimX are also offering bespoke apprenticeships for those who fall outside of the eligibility criteria. The L2 apprenticeship is made up of four recognised leisure industry qualifications and can lead on to a sports Foundation Degree or any career in the sport and leisure sector. The qualification element of this course will involve approximately one day per week, and candidates will train and gain experience working as assistants and assisting in the day-to-day running of the business on the other days.

The bespoke apprenticeship will be based more around tennis coaching and sports development but can incorporate specific individual requirements, such as promotion and publicity internships or fitness qualifications for example.

This scheme is designed for players to get the most out of their tennis and give them good options for their working lives afterwards.

If an apprentice is still seriously pursuing his or her own tennis career and needs to travel to compete, we will be flexible in order to accommodate everybody's best interests. Apprenticeship work will be carried out at multiple venues, with the main two venues being in Chingford E4 and Harlow, Essex.

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### WIMX BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Wimbledon Experience (WimX) is a vibrant and expanding tennis brand, which currently works in performance, club and community tennis.

The five founder members of WimX are all former British no.1s and no.2s, and between them have won 97 professional world-ranking Tour events, represented Britain in the Olympics, Federation Cup, European Cup and Hopman Cup as well as representing Wales and England in Internationals. They competed in all four of the Grand Slams and all of them were top 500 in singles and top 200 in doubles in the ATP/WTA world rankings.

As coaches they have produced and worked with 19 senior world-ranked players, coached a female to WTA top 75 and a GB no.1. In the last five years WimX has produced over 25 top 100 junior players, 9 matrix players and six GB top 10 players.

The WimX tennis program services senior international tour players as well as grass roots programs. We are developing new programs and clubs from the bottom up and are working with a number of strategic partners to increase the participation levels in tennis. One part of our strategy is to “take tennis to the people” by creating a tennis provision where there currently is none. Creating affordable tennis programs in areas of social deprivation is one of our key goals for 2010-2011.

WimX currently provides over 250 hours of coaching per week, and we are looking to double that and thus create many full-time jobs .

If you are interested in the apprenticeship program, please email [info@wimx.org.uk](mailto:info@wimx.org.uk) and put training apprenticeship in the title bar.