

# **TOM PILKINGTON (STUDYING BSC/HONS)**

## **FREELANCE CRICKET COACH**

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A 20-year-old undergraduate student who is studying an Integrated Masters in Cricket Coaching and Management at the University of Worcester. I currently have a portfolio of roles through Vortex Cricket which have led me to gain experience within cricket/sports industry. I am a keen, passionate, enthusiastic, and dedicated individual who enjoys taking on challenges.

Despite being dyslexic, I use this to express creativity, innovation, professionalism and work ethic. I can communicate and can socialise with others, especially within a sports coaching environment. I have a passion for performance cricket wish to work towards completing my Advanced Coach Course.

## **EDUCATION**

### **University of Worcester (2023 – 2027)**

**Course:** Integrated Masters/BSc Hons in Cricket Coaching and Management

**Grade:** Started the course in September 2023

### **Farnborough College of Technology (2021 – 2023)**

**Qualification:** Level 3 BTEC Extended Diploma in Sport

**Grades:** D\*D\*D\*

## **WORK EXPERIENCE**

### **Surrey County Cricket Club – Performance Pathway Support Coach**

**August 2025 - Present**

Supported both the boy's county age groups. This role involves mitting to fielders and bowlers, providing throw downs to batters and hitting balls off a bat. This role involves working with many age groups in a variety of locations in Surrey and surrounding areas. Currently completed four match days with the boys (U10-12). **Key Responsibilities:** Aiding on match days in the summer. Coaching matches in Surrey and surrounding areas.

**Reference:** Tom Benge ([t.benge@surreycc.co.uk](mailto:t.benge@surreycc.co.uk))

### **Surrey County Cricket Club – Girls Performance Pathway Coach**

**July 2025 - Present**

Working to support girl's county age groups and matches. This role involves mitting to fielders and bowlers, providing throw downs to batters and hitting balls off a bat. This role involves working with many age groups in a variety of locations in Surrey. Have currently worked two matches with the U18 girls. **Key Responsibilities:** Aiding and helping during training and match days in the summer. Attending matches within Surrey and surrounding areas.

**Reference:** Katherine Robson ([k.robson@surreycc.co.uk](mailto:k.robson@surreycc.co.uk))

### **Martin Bicknell Cricket Academy – Cricket Coach**

**July 2025 - Present**

I have been working with to lead and support some of their coaching in the form of summer camps. The academy focuses on skill development, match-day practice and tactical enhancement. **Key Responsibilities:** Coaching and attending holiday cricket camps at a variety clubs within Surrey and Hampshire areas. Working with fellow coaches to develop the next generation of cricketers.

**Reference:** Martin Bicknell/Oli Plaistowe ([martinbicknellacademy@gmail.com](mailto:martinbicknellacademy@gmail.com))

## **Herefordshire Cricket Ltd (HCL) - Performance Pathway Coach (Boys - U11 and U14)**

### **January 2025 - Present**

I have been working as the U14s lead coach and an assistant to the boys U11 age groups. Herefordshire aims to provide high level coaching for the next generation of cricketers aged U11-18 and beyond. **Key Responsibilities:** Aiding and training two age groups - U14 (Lead Coach) and U11 (Assistant Coach). Coaching and leading sessions focusing on batting and fielding. Attending matches in the summer in multiple locations.

**Reference:** Edward McCabe ([ed.mcabe@herefordshirecricketltd.co.uk](mailto:ed.mcabe@herefordshirecricketltd.co.uk))

## **Delta Sports Coaching Ltd – Multi-Sport Coach**

### **December 2024 - Present**

I have been working to lead and support some of their coaching sessions. Delta Sports Coaching was set up in 2020 and has since become a very recognisable coaching company in the Worcestershire. **Key Responsibilities:** Coaching multi-sport school sessions. Delivering sessions for the company in various locations across Worcestershire. Sports include hockey, cricket, dodgeball, football, and multi-sports

**Reference:** Luke Deeprose ([info@deltasportscoaching.co.uk](mailto:info@deltasportscoaching.co.uk))

## **Surrey Cricket Foundation - Casual Coach**

### **June 2024 - Present**

As a Casual Coach to work with the SCF to support their coaching delivery and have, over the summer, responsible for leading and aiding with coaching sessions to boys and girls of varying ages. **Key Achievements:** Currently completed **TWO** shifts which was being an assistant coach for a U13's girl's pathway match and an ECB Corporate Day. Shadowed CAG (County Age Group) matches in the 2024 summer – contact Tom Benge

**Reference:** Lorraine Cary (Manager – ([l.cary@surreycricket.com](mailto:l.cary@surreycricket.com))

## **Complete Cricket – Performance Coach**

### **Jan 2024 - Present**

I have been working with to lead and support some of their coaching programmes. Complete Cricket was set up in 2005 and has since become a popular and recognised company in the Midlands. **Key Responsibilities:** Coaching and leading 1-2-1 sessions, group sessions, holiday camps and lead for club sessions. Delivering sessions for the company in various locations in and around Birmingham/Worcestershire

**Reference:** Dave Smith ([David.smith@completestaticket.co.uk](mailto:David.smith@completestaticket.co.uk))

## **Vortex Cricket – Founder**

### **Aug 2023 - Present**

Vortex Cricket's plan is to make a difference and make cricket coaching accessible for all. Vortex Cricket has been registered as a company to support my personal development as a coach and business leader alongside my degree at university. Vortex currently offers private and online coaching to adults and juniors.

## **InForm Cricket – Senior Coach (Specialising in Batting and Fielding)**

### **Apr 2021 - Present**

I run sessions for U8's through to U15's including for boys and girls. My role consists of setting up equipment for the session, delivering coaching throughout the session, reviewing sessions with the juniors.

**Reference:** Edward Young ([eddieyoung48@hotmail.com](mailto:eddieyoung48@hotmail.com))

## **SuperSportz Limited – Cricket Coach**

### **March 2024 – July 2024**

I coached a variety of ages and abilities in 1-1 sessions, after school clubs and international school sessions (English and French Schools). I was based at the Indoor Cricket Centre in Eversley.

## **WORK PLACEMENTS**

### **Nelson Cricket Association – Student Placement and Cricket Coach**

#### **August 2025 – December 2025**

As part of the international placement for university, I was lucky to be involved at NCA. The experience provided me with work involving: Business Management and Administration, Nelson Griffins and Nyxons - Assistant Coach (Male/Female), U15/17 Representative Coach, Community, Event Hosting and Management.

**Reference:** Jake Inwood ([gm@nelsoncricket.org.nz](mailto:gm@nelsoncricket.org.nz))

### **Serious Cricket – Work Experience**

#### **March 2023**

I had to do 2 weeks work experience as part of my course at Farnborough College. I started in the cricket shop, but I also spent a lot of my time helping to coach children in the indoor nets.

**Reference (can be provided):** Chris Bolton ([chris@seriousssport.co.uk](mailto:chris@seriousssport.co.uk))

## **SKILLS**

I have a wide range of interpersonal skills, including communication, hard work, teamwork, self-motivation, organisation, and focus. I have experience of working in a fast-paced environment. Whilst coaching, I have learned skills that include planning, managing, and leading sessions, evaluating players, and working with them to be the best they can.

## **QUALIFICATIONS and CREDENTIALS**

- **ECB Core Coach Coaching Course** – Issued July 2023
- **ECB Foundation 1 Coaching Course** - Issued March 2023
- **Enhanced DBS Check** - ECB - Issued February 2024, expires 2025 (set to renew in February)
- **Emergency First Aid** – Worcestershire Cricket Foundation/ECB – Issued October 2023, expires October 2026
- **Safeguarding for Coaches and Activators** – Issued April 2025, expires 2026
- **Safeguarding for Umpires and Scorers** – Issued April 2025, expires 2026
- **Safeguarding Level 2** – Issued April 2025 expires 2026
- **Duke of Edinburgh Award (Bronze)** - Issued 2019
- **ECB Coaches Association (Full)** – Issued February 2025