



### Under 9's & 11's boys and girls

The youngest of the clubs' teams for both boys and girls from ages 6-11 years old.

Training is once a week with players starting their journey with The Bears, encouraged to have fun whilst developing some of the main fundamental skills of basketball.

Players also have the option to play in a central venue league for both age groups which are fielded once a month in a family friendly environment at different venues within the West Midlands. This enables players learn to take their first steps into this great game as well as using skills and techniques practiced at training sessions. The Team is coached by Penny Mason who has vast knowledge and experience of the game both as a player and a coach and Elly Duffey who again has significant experience playing the game.

The Team Trains on Thursdays at Colmers School & Sixth Form College from 6 until 7 PM.



### U13's boys & girls

This is the team that provides the first 'full court' opportunity for players to continue their development and further enhance their skills. The team caters for both boys and girls and competes in the youth basketball league. Games are typically every weekend on a Saturday or Sunday both home and away.

The team is coached by renowned basketball coach 'Mark Jones' who always strives to live up to the club principle of developing players to become the best they can be. Mark brings a wealth of experience of both coaching and playing basketball. The second coach is Brian Hewson who also brings a wealth of knowledge & experience to the team.

This team is a development team whereby it is also fun yet competitive if you wish to join in the games. They train once a week on a Tuesday evening from 5:30 until 7 Pm at Colmers school & Sixth Form College.

The under 13 team were the ybl champions in 2016 and won the summer mini season in 2021 we are always looking to further strengthen the existing training squad.

We welcome you...



### U14's Boys

This team is the first of our National League Level teams' part of the Basketball England National Leagues Competitions. At this level players will be continuing to develop their fundamental basketball skills whilst adjusting to a more competitive environment and travelling to play games a bit further afield within the West Midlands Areas, as part of the league set up.

All members of the team are boys, and the team will allow players from year groups 8 & 9 retrospectively. The squad train once a week on Tuesday evenings from 5:30 until 7:00 pm at Colmers School & Sixth Form College and will effectively have games every weekend on a Saturday or Sunday, both home and away consecutively. The team is coached by renowned basketball coach 'Mark Jones' who always strives to live up to the club principle of developing players to become the best they can be. Mark brings a wealth of experience of both coaching and playing basketball. The second coach is Brian Hewson who also brings a wealth of knowledge & experience to the team





### **Under 14 & Under 16 Girls**

Following the success of bringing girls basketball back to the club we are now entering two girls' teams into the national league at under 14 and under 16.

The teams both train at Colmers School and Sixth Form College from 6 until 8 Pm on Wednesday evenings.

The teams are coached By Alaina Allen Nnaji, and Gemma Salmon both have significant experience from both playing and coaching the game which they will bring to both teams to continue to develop the girls' skills and abilities

In addition, we have entered the girls into the under 17 YBL league for the 2022/23 season to give more opportunity for more girls to play basketball.

We welcome you.



### **U16's Boys**

For the 2022/2023 season we will be fielding two under 16 boys' teams in the Basketball England National League Competitions due to the unprecedented growth within the club. The teams are named after Bears in the wild one being Suns and the other Grizzlies. As well as learning new skills and developing a more creative basketball foundation, players will still be working on fundamentals of the game. Players will be incorporating team offence and defence at a higher level and games will be of a more competitive standard whereby



travelling to various areas of the West Midlands will be expected. Training for the Grizzleys is on Tuesdays from 7 until 9 pm Head Coach is Chris Mountford with assistant Rob Gedgrdge , the Suns trin on a Thursday from 7 until 8.30 Pm Head Coach is club director of Basketball Dawn Hall and assistant is Ben Lopez.  
We welcome you.....



### **U17's Boys**

The team is the eldest of the development junior sides and will be entering the youth basketball league for games at weekends during the season.

The league will show a more competitive nature at this age group whilst keeping trainings fast paced alongside a fun and friendly environment. The team meets for training once a week on Fridays at The Factory Young Peoples Centre on Longbridge lane to work on further enhancing basketball skills and developments of the game. Coached by the club chairman with a vast knowledge of the game Robin Hall

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### **Under 18's Men**

This is the eldest of all the junior teams competing in the National league within basketball England. The team trains once per week on Thursday from 8 until 10 PM at Colmers school and Sixth Form College. The Head Coach for this team is Hayden Thomas – Gibbons who brings vast experience and knowledge to the team from his

playing and coaching of the game of many years.  
We welcome you.

