



DOWNSIDE SCHOOL

Ethan's Rugby Pathway

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“I began playing rugby when I was five years old, starting out with the Newquay Hornets in Cornwall. Since then, I haven't stopped. Here at Downside School many opportunities have opened up for me as a rugby player. Recently I was part of the Bath Academy U17s program, and have been invited to be a part of their U18s training squad for the 2020 season. I also took part in the Welsh Exiles squad this season. But things have got even better this week! I received news that I have been selected for the Wales U18 training camp in July off the back of my performances in the Exiles program, with the possibility of being selected for their Summer tour to South Africa.

My goal is to become a professional rugby player and, through the pathways I talk about above, the potential route is exciting and, undoubtedly, these opportunities came my way due to my being at Downside. I also feel that my overall game has improved this season, where I have been able to learn from the many other talented players at Downside, as well as playing a higher level of rugby than I did in Cornwall. As a team, we had an incredible season during both our 15s and 7s campaigns and, hopefully, next year we can carry this on and continue to compete with top schools in the South West and beyond.”