



‘Apprentice of the Month’ - February 2018

Jamie Bennell

Second Year Apprentice - Cardiff and the Vale

Jamie was born and raised in Cardiff and had a passion for rugby from a young age. He started playing at only 6 years old and joined CRICC in Whitchurch before moving on to Cardiff Harlequins.

Jamie attended Ysgol Mynydd Bychan and Ysgol Glantaf where he achieved 3 A Levels. He then attended Sheffield University for a short time, before deciding that it wasn't the correct path for him. However, during his time in Sheffield Jamie started coaching a 'Rugby Tots' team. This awoke Jamie's passion for coaching children and young people.

Jamie's passion for coaching coupled with the fact that he is a Welsh speaker, made an Urdd's Apprenticeship Scheme the ideal choice for him. Jamie is now in his second year of the scheme and has achieved an NVQ Level 2 in Leading Activities as well as many other sports specific qualifications. He is now studying towards an NVQ Level 3 in Sports Development.

Jamie is very proud to be able to work through the medium of Welsh and enjoys being part of the Urdd Cardiff and the Vale Sports Department. He also enjoys working with children and young people.

"I love seeing development in the standard of the clubs I coach and to see individuals develop in confidence and skill."

Jamie still plays rugby, and competes at a competitive level. He also enjoys the social aspect of being a member of a Rugby club. In the future, Jamie hopes to continue working with children and would like to move into teaching.

"This unique opportunity with the Urdd has proved to me that I'm good at working with children, and this is what I hope to continue doing in the future."