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Stepping up

Meet our new Conversion Academy athletes – and their coaches

Archery GB's Conversion Academy has one purpose. To take our most talented young athletes and convert them into successful senior international competitors. And it has just taken in six new athletes – five from the National Age Group Academy and one from Northern Ireland.

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Former Pathway athlete Kieran Slater was part of the silver medal-winning team at the 2016 European Championships. He coached Hannah and Jakob at the National Age Group Academy and is moving with them as they step up to the next level. Hannah, of Nuneaton Archers, used to be coached by Tony Ferguson. She made her international debut this year. She said: "I am extremely proud to have made Conversion Academy and I look forward to working with Kieran to improve and reach my goals."

Jakob, of Blandy Jenkins Archers and coached by Roger Davies, has risen quickly through the Pathway programmes and the potential shown the European Youth Cup earned him a Conversion Academy place. He said: "The archers in the Conversion Academy were the ones I used to look up to and think – one day that could be me, one step closer to reaching my goal. Now I'm one of them, how great is that?"

GAYNOR HUTCHISON AND RUBY PAUL

Gaynor Hutchison's mission is to "help people develop, grow and enjoy their sport". She works throughout the

whole Talent Pathway, from grassroots to the National Talent Development Programme and Performance Academies. She credits this experience with helping athletes to transition smoothly and successfully.

Gaynor was also the assistant team manager at the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney, and was with Ruby when she won individual bronze medal at the European Youth Championships this year.

Gaynor has known Ruby, of Wellingborough Open Archery Club, for five years and says she has many talents but is completely committed to her archery. "Ruby sets herself very high standards but she's also very kind, encouraging youngsters within her club and county."



Gaynor Hutchison and Ruby Paul