



Who we are

We are award-winning mental and emotional wellbeing services that are empowering young people (ages 10-25) through education, sport and leadership journeys towards peace and purpose. We believe students thrive when they are at peace, and flourish when they walk in purpose.

Contact

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Our Model:

First established in partnership with Coventry, Warwickshire and Worcestershire Mind

- BALL: we magnetise through sport and basket**BALL**;
- BE: we transform through well**BE**ing and identity education;
- BETTER: we multiply through empowering practical volunteering experiences where young people make their communities **BETTER**.

We have won several awards, including “Not for Profit Champion” in the 2025 Coventry & Warwickshire Business Awards and “Best EDI Initiative” (in Partnership with Basketball Wales) at the 2026 Welsh Sports Association Awards.

We accept referrals from Schools, Social Services, Coventry Youth Justice Service (we are tendered through Coventry City Council), other agencies and families.

Please see this video which showcases our impact at Guardian Ballers and the experiences that students can have with us: ["WE ARE GUARDIAN BALLERS" | Youtube](#)

Our Team:

Our organisation is led by **Kieran Joseph BSc MEd**, an experienced and qualified secondary PE teacher whose lived experience of supporting a family member with mental illness inspired the development of the Guardian Ballers programme. **Chloe Burdett BSc**, Operations & Programmes Manager brings a wealth of experience including a project manager at Basketball

England in addition to basketball coaching, mentoring students and providing individuals with support for their mental health. Also in our team:

- **Awa Touray (BA Digital Marketing)**; Level 2 coaching qualification and many years of experience supporting young people;
- **Camron Hibbert (BSc, Sports Science & Coaching)**; experience of coaching and playing basketball, as well as delivering mentorship activities aimed at improving inclusion and behaviour;
- **Dr Helen Joseph (BSc Paediatric Speech & Language Therapist)**; supporting initial triage of referrals, admin and compliance.
- **Bose Olajide (MA Childhood and Youth)**; coordinating programme operations and staff training.

How we create Impact:

A blend of Basketball Coaching and Wellbeing Education, combining physical activity with evidence-based wellbeing sessions. Developed with CWW Mind, our programmes help young people build confidence, resilience, and emotional wellbeing through weekly group or one-to-one sessions. Using real-life stories from professional athletes and interactive activities, we create safe spaces for young people to explore challenges, reflect, and develop positive strategies for life.

- **Wellbeing and foundational ‘belonging’ curriculum: “Becoming a Guardian Baller” (12 weeks)**
- **Where the learner has a baseline wellbeing, AQA Unit Awards in Entrepreneurship, AI and Online Safety or Healthy Living (12-24 weeks per module)**
- **BETTER experiences and trips can be interwoven into any programme.**

Student Outcomes:

Please read our recent impact report here to see how we have empowered over 1600 young people annually for the last 5 years: [Guardian Ballers Annual Impact Report](#)

- **Improved Wellbeing** | Students’ opinions are routinely gathered using the WEMWBS, which is a self-reporting measure of mental wellbeing; 82% reported improvements in their wellbeing, and 67% reported they were more engaged in their education or work.
- **Enriching Activities, beyond the classroom** | BETTER experiences, within walking distance and further across the city and region through EVOLVE-approved trips.
- **Accredited qualifications** | AQA Entry, Level 1 and 2 Unit Awards can be achieved where Guardian Ballers, School, Learner and Family are motivated and the learner has a foundational state of wellbeing to support enhanced learning.



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Feedback:

"The impact of Guardian Ballers on our students has been significant. We have seen noticeable improvements in their confidence, engagement and overall wellbeing".

Headteacher of Partner school

"The boys were referred to Guardian Ballers because, at the time, they were finding it challenging to engage within the mainstream classroom setting... Their peer relationships have improved, with fewer conflicts and more communication... Staff have also noted that they appear more motivated and responsive throughout the school day... The mentorship aspect has been particularly valuable, giving them positive role models and helping to build their self-esteem and confidence"

School Welfare and Intervention Lead

Safeguarding:

DSL – Chloe Burdett, Chloe.Burdett@guardianballers.org 07311 375430

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All staff have enhanced DBS, and Level 1, 2 or DSL Safeguarding Training

All policies on our website here: [Guardian Ballers | Policies](#)

Insurance and QA documents available.

Health & Safety:

Risk Assessments are routinely reviewed and uploaded onto Evolve (most recently in June 2026).



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