



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - Pitt St. Skatepark launches new coaching programme The Academy of Wheels.

Affordable, structured sessions for all ages and abilities - from after-school club to 1-2-1 coaching. Starting 2nd June

Portsmouth, 14 May 2026 - Pitt St. Skatepark, Portsmouth's not-for-profit indoor wheeled sports venue, is launching The Academy of Wheels, a new coaching programme designed to get more people active, more often, on wheels.

From after-school sessions for older kids to one-to-one coaching for any age, the programme brings structure to what Pitt St. has always done best: welcoming first-timers, helping people progress, and giving them somewhere to find their crew.

"Pitt St. has always been a place where anyone can learn to skate, no matter their age or ability," said Sam Tuffnell Academy Manager. "We've loved watching people progress and find their people here. The Academy of Wheels is about giving that experience a bit more shape; affordable sessions, qualified coaches, and a fun place to learn something new."

All Academy coaches are qualified, award-winning and fully DBS-checked, and the programme covers skateboarding, roller skating, inline skating and BMX.

What's on offer

After School Club – *Tuesday to Friday, 4–6:45pm · £12 per session · Ages 12+*

A casual skate, scoot or ride session with a coach on hand for tips and games. Equipment hire, a snack and a drink all included. Starts 2nd June, term time only.

Kids Group Coaching – *Tuesdays, 4–5pm · £60 for 6 weeks · Under 16s*

A six-week step-by-step programme where kids earn stickers in their Pitt St. Skate Skills Booklet as they tick off each skill. Choose skateboard, roller skate or inline. Equipment hire included. Starts 2nd June, term time only.

Summer Bootcamp – *Throughout the summer holidays*

Day-long sessions for any age or ability, covering the basics of skateboarding, roller skating and inlines. Includes equipment hire and lunch. Under 8s must be accompanied by an adult. Register interest with the coaching team.

1-2-1 Coaching – *£30 per hour · All ages and abilities · All year round*

For anyone who'd rather skip the group setting or focus on a specific skill. Available in skateboarding, BMX, inline and roller skating.

Skate more, spend less

Alongside the Academy launch, Pitt St. is rolling out Summer Memberships from 1st June, starting at £30 a month for unlimited come-and-go access, part of the venue's wider mission to keep skating affordable for Portsmouth families.

Bookings and more info: [contact](#)

Notes to editors

Pitt St. Skatepark is a not-for-profit Community Interest Company (CIC) and indoor wheeled sports venue based in Portsmouth city centre. The venue runs sessions, events and community programmes for skateboarders, BMX riders, roller skaters and scooter riders of all ages and abilities.

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