



Jarvis gets funding boost on road to Birmingham

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Tom Jarvis has had a funding boost as he looks forward to the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games.

The 20-year-old England No 4 has joined the Sir John Hanson Young Talent scholarship – a programme devised to help young hopeful Team England athletes in their development towards the Games.

Jarvis said: “The Sir John Hanson scholarship is a really exclusive programme, so I’m honoured that my hard work and potential has been noticed. It’s a really exciting project to be part of and I’m looking forward to receiving all of the support that comes with it.”

Jarvis will receive £7,000 worth of funding to support him in achieving his sporting goals.

The Skegness athlete said: “It’s always special playing on home soil and with the Commonwealth Games being such a big tournament, it’s going to be amazing. Everything I’m doing now is to get ready for the Games. We’ve got a really good team and I’m hoping we’ll be in a strong position to take gold.

“It’s the biggest honour you can have playing in front of a home crowd. It’ll be exciting, some nerves and it’s all in the preparation. It’ll be an amazing feeling . . . as long as I’m winning!”

Tom Jarvis has become the latest athlete to join the Sir John Hanson Young Talent scholarship – a programme devised to help young hopeful Team England athletes in their development towards [@birminghamcg22](#) ☒

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Jarvis has recently returned to training in Germany, having had no access to a table whilst in lockdown at the family home.

"I've not really been home since I was 16, so the lockdown meant I got to spend some real time with my family which was great," he said.

"I didn't have access to a table, nor anyone to really play with, so it really was a proper break for me. I'm lucky that I had a small gym at my parent's house, so I was able to keep active.

"I'm really excited to be back training and things are kicking off which is good. It's been intense – we've had 10-hour training days so it's very tiring but it's all good fun and hopefully it'll pay off when I'm competing in Birmingham in 2022."

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