

# BROCHURE: 2024







# About Us

Basketball Star Academy has been created with the ambition and the vision of providing young basketball players with the opportunity of growing their passion for the basketball game while studying high school in an excellence environment. If you dream a career in the basketball World, as a pro- player or in any other career path, this is the place for you.

In our Academy you will have the opportunity of developing into the best version of yourself. Train with passion and intensity with some of the best coaches in Denmark and get a high-profile education to move into your professional path. You will live in a safe environment with young athletes like you that share your passion for Sport, study in your school and live next door.

Basketball Star Academy will support your journey with providing all the facilities you need to improve physically, emotionally, and technically.

Your academic journey will be in English and you will obtain one of the most recognized international diploma, the IB (International Bachelor Diploma). As you will train intensively at elite level, the program is designed to help you succeed in both academic and sport areas. You are also welcome to join for an exchange program: please reach out to discuss your options

Basketball Star Academy is launching in August 2024. You have the unique opportunity of starting this journey with us, share our enthusiasm and passion and be in the front line of an exciting adventure that will develop very fast.

Basketball Star Academy is located in Ikast, in the Ikast-Brande Gymnasium and in the Sportstar College, and is supported by Ikast Basketball Club and Billund Basketball Club.



# What we Offer

## Top Level Education

- IB school
- Pre-IB
- Danish School System

## Elite Basketball Training

- Highly qualified coaches
- Exclusive Facilities
- Gym and Gym Lab
- 3 Morning & 4 Afternoon practices per week

## High Level Accommodation

Situated in a specialized sport college facility, offering multiple accommodation options, access to services like nutritionist, masseuse and physiotherapy

## A Safe Environment

A small town, built around your needs, with close and accessible local facilities like:

- Swimming Center
- Wellness
- Movie Theatre
- Library

## A Community

Support staff and young people like you, studying and living together to develop your social and life skills in tandem with your sport and education goals.

# Coaching Staff



## Ville Tuominen: Head Coach & Sports Director

Ville boasts 20+ years in professional basketball as a player, head coach, and sports director. He's led national teams in Finland, Denmark, and Sweden. After excelling in youth national teams, he played for nine years in EuroCup, NEBL, and the Finnish national teams. Ville also coached in the FIBA Europe Cup and served as Sports Director. His accolades include coaching Bakken Bears to a 2014 Danish Basketligaen victory and leading Denmark to the U20 men's Nordic Championships triumph in 2023. Ville holds top professional coaching certificates in Finland.



## Jesper Hvam

Jesper's hoops journey started at Åbyhøj Basketball. A pivotal High School stint in Fremont, California, earned him the Northern Californian Division III championship. After Viby, Jesper contributed to Skovbakken's shift to Bakken Bears, securing three Danish championships. In the twilight of his playing days, he returned to Åbyhøj.

As a player, Jesper participated in four senior national team tournaments and one in the young championship; he coached various men's teams, including Odder Basket and Åbyhøj's 2nd Division and AUS 2nd Division teams. With a master's from Aarhus University, Jesper also teaches history, social science, and Global Politics at IBG.



## Sune Thyssen

Sune honed his basketball skills at Skovbakken and Bakken Bears, playing until the 02/03 season. He then joined Aabyhøj Basketball, competing until the 05/06 season and earning spots in the 04/05 and 05/06 Basketligaen All-Star teams.

As a coach, Sune worked with various youth teams and instructed basketball in the sports education program at Aarhus University. A certified fitness trainer, he brings extensive experience in elite athlete training.

Holding a master's in history and sports, Sune teaches these subjects daily in the International Baccalaureate and STX programs at IBG.



# Organisation & Partnership



## Basketball Academy

- Sports Program
- Basketball Coaching
- National Head Coach
- Elite Teams
- Tournaments
- Physical development program

## Ikast-Brande Gymnasium

- School
- Academic Advice
- Sport Facilities
- Wellbeing Specialist
- Personalised Schedule to fit Students' Athletics commitments



## Sportstar College

- Accommodation
- Nutritionist
- Physiotherapy
- Support



## DBBF (Danish Basketball Federation)

- Ensures Quality of Academy
- Support



## Ikast Basketball Club

- Coaching for younger talents
- Basketball School
- Events

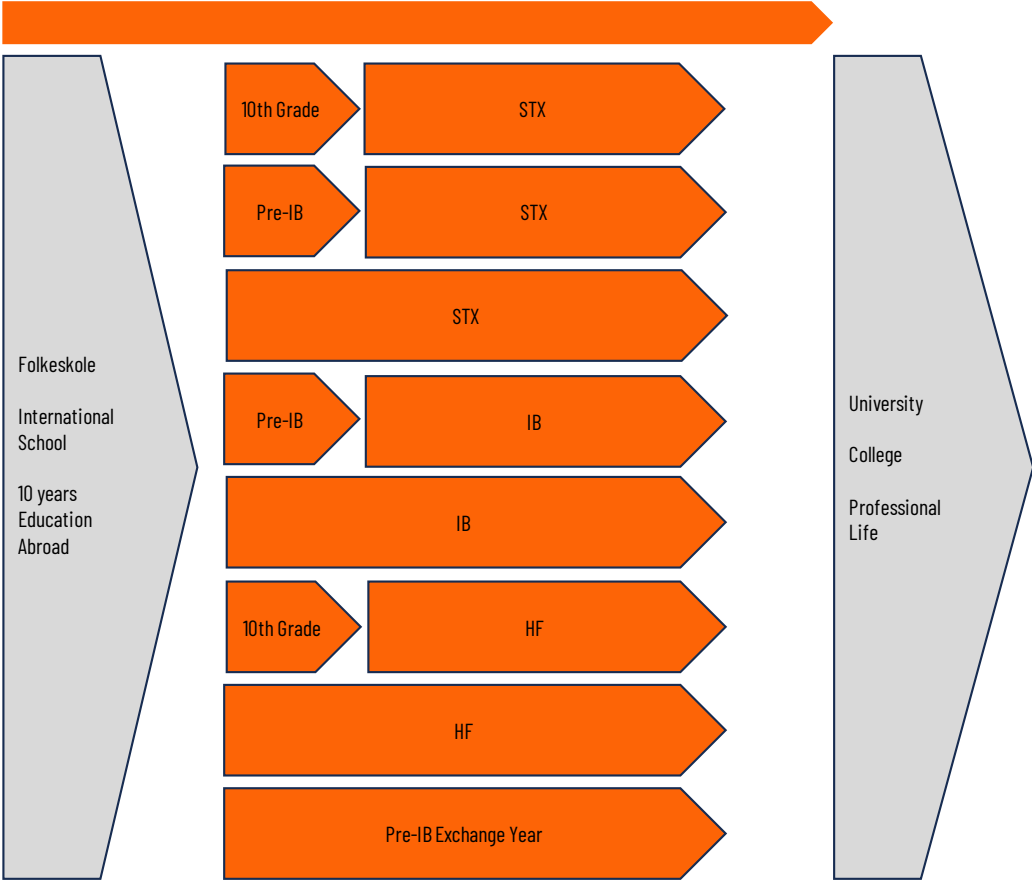


## Billund Basketball Club

- Coaching for younger talents (Billund Area)
- Basketball School (Billund Area)
- Events



# An Education Path for Every Ambition

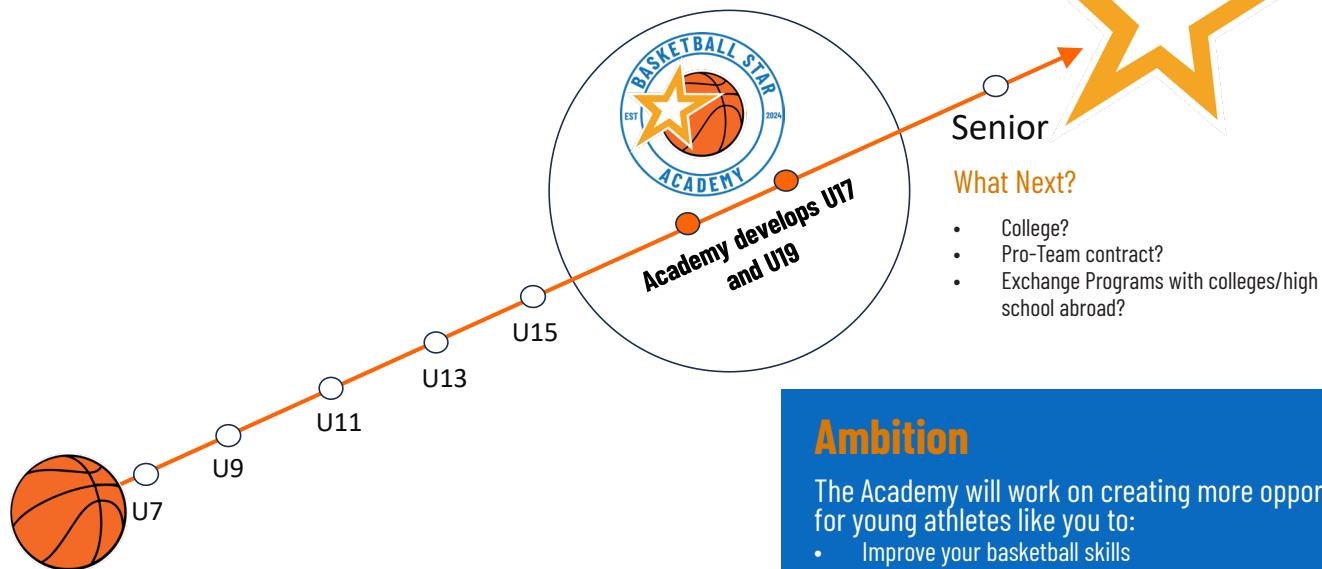


# The Athletes Path



## When you finish secondary school you can:

- Keep training in your club
- Join Efterskole
- Join the new Basketball Academy
- Joining the Academy is also an option after Efterskole



Our Kids start playing early:  
They can grow in our partner Clubs

Senior

### What Next?

- College?
- Pro-Team contract?
- Exchange Programs with colleges/high school abroad?

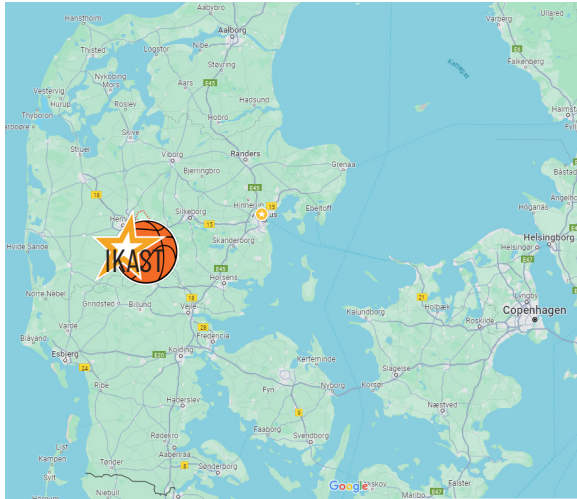
## Ambition

The Academy will work on creating more opportunities for young athletes like you to:

- Improve your basketball skills
- Improve your education
- Give you opportunities for new experiences abroad.



# Where we are located



Ikast is a village of 16K inhabitants in central Denmark. We are close to Aarhus (second largest city in Denmark) and close to Billund International Airport.

Ikast is close to many other villages and attractions and hosts a vibrant international community. Living in Ikast is safe and easy as every facility is only a few minutes away.

In Ikast you have the option of studying in English from kindergarden to high school, thanks to the presence of International Schools offering top level education programs.



# Our Facilities



You can decide to live in a double or single room, at the Sportstar College, in a full boarding arrangement (7 days a week: Sportstar College is never closed).

If you live in Ikast you can also be part of the Academy, while living at home.

Ikast offers facilities like a beautiful swimming center (with wellness) and culture center with a Movie theatre.







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