

LEAH WILLIAMSON DEFENDER

Having joined our Centre of Excellence at the age of nine, Leah made her debut for the Arsenal first team as a 17 year old in 2014. She has since become one of the league's best ball-playing centre backs. In the 2018/19 season she completed the most successful passes in the opposition's half (591) and made the most interceptions in the squad (30).

Leah has been a key player for the England squad since making her senior debut in a 3-1 victory over Russia back in 2018. The defender was a member of the Lionesses squad which reached the semi-finals at the 2019 World Cup in France. She made her tournament debut in the round of 16 victory over Cameroon.

When Leah first joined the Arsenal team she was a midfielder, before making the transition into a defender. This explains her vision, range of passing and comfort on the ball.

Despite still being one of the younger players, Leah shows exceptional maturity and leadership both on and off the pitch. In 2014, Leah captained her country at the U17 European Championships. She is a fantastic role model and an excellent

ambassador for the club. In 2019 she visited Jakarta, Indonesia, to help launch the 'Coaching for Life' programme, supported by Save the Children and the Arsenal Foundation. The coaching programme teaches and protects children affected by violence, conflict and poverty in Jordan and Indonesia.

With five major trophies won with Arsenal already the future is already looking bright for Williamson. We are all looking forward to seeing the progress she makes as a Gunner and a Lioness in the coming seasons.

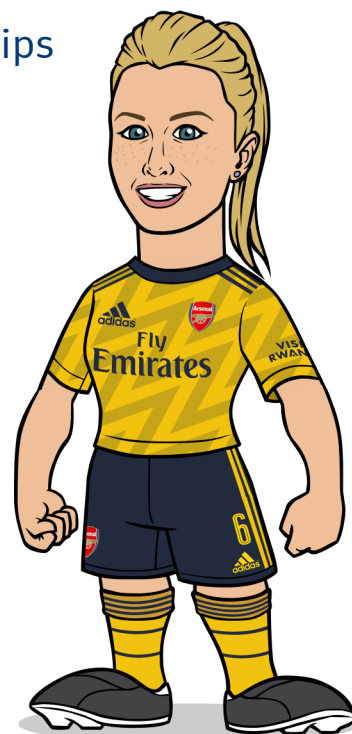


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- 1. How old was Leah when she joined our Centre of Excellence?
8 10
9 17
- 2. Where was the 2019 World Cup held?
Scotland England
France Russia
- 3. What does the phrase "exceptional maturity" mean in this text?
Grown-up and sensible Silly and irresponsible
Quiet and shy Calm and focused
- 4. "She is a fantastic role model." What type of word is fantastic?
Noun Adjective
Adverb Verb
- 5. Put these events from Leah's career in order.

Number from 1 for the earliest event to 4 for the most recent event.

- Captained England at U17 European Championships
- Helped launch 'Coaching for Life' in Jakarta
- Made senior international debut vs Russia
- Joined Arsenal's Centre of Excellence



ANSWERS: 1) 9 2) France 3) Grown-up and sensible 4) Adjective 5) From top: 2,4,3,1