# PE Department Information

The aim of the PE department is to create an environment of enjoyment, challenge and success for all our students. We encourage students to participate in physical activity into adult life and recognise its importance as part of a healthy lifestyle. Our intention is help students develop a ‘winning’ mindset, so they are aspirational and strive to reach their full potential.

The curriculum offered to students is varied but focusses mainly on traditional team games, net sports and athletics. Fitness, Cross Country, Trampolining and a mixture of modern mass participation activities are also available in core PE. Competition is an integral part of the PE curriculum and we encourage excellence in GCSE performance and extra-curricular activity. The department have is currently made up of teachers who specialise in Badminton, Basketball, Football, Rugby and Trampolining; applicants that can add to this expertise will be desirable.

We currently offer GCSE PE as an option in Key Stage Four which starts in year 9. GCSE PE is the pinnacle of what we offer and the successful candidate will show a desire to challenge, monitor and support the delivery of PE to ensure that all students are making, at a minimum, expected progress and the majority are working beyond this.

A high emphasis is placed on extra-curricular PE. The school aims to compete in as many sports as possible and we have a very successful track record. Clubs and practices run during most lunch times and frequently after school. The competitive fixture calendar is extensive and includes Athletics, Basketball, Cross Country, Football, Netball, Rugby Union; however, we are always open to offer new opportunities for our students.

The school has extensive facilities for its size including one large sports hall (four badminton courts/three cross court basketball courts), one smaller sports hall (two badminton courts and 4 trampolines), a floodlit multi use games area; which includes three outdoor floodlit courts for basketball, tennis, netball and football, one floodlit handball court; one large outdoor hard core area; which includes three outdoor netball courts and four outdoor tennis courts and extensive playing fields; with space for a 400m running track, football and rugby pitches, rounder’s areas and gridded work spaces.

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