



PE Department Information

An Introduction to the Department

The PE department consists of nine teachers (some part-time), led by the Head of PE and two further TLR holders in charge of KS3 and KS4 PE. Some members of the PE department have other commitments such as being Head of PSHE, Deputy Headteacher or teaching other subjects. The PE department also benefits from the support of a technician. A major strength in our PE department is ensuring that our physical literacy approach suits the needs of all our students through a curriculum that is focused around 'engagement for all'.

Teaching

At Key Stage 3, students follow a concept-driven curriculum designed to promote holistic development, with physical activity at its core. The curriculum places a strong emphasis on inclusivity and engagement, with students thoughtfully grouped by personality to maximise participation, confidence and enjoyment. This approach enables all students to thrive while experiencing a broad and varied range of activities.

At Key Stage 4, students follow a personalised pathway from Year 10, selecting activities that align with their interests, strengths and motivations. This pathway is reviewed after three terms, ensuring students benefit from both depth and breadth within their learning experience.

The department offers AQA GCSE PE, with two well-established classes in both Year 10 and Year 11. In addition, Cambridge National Sports Science has been successfully delivered since 2022, providing a valuable alternative pathway that broadens student opportunity and curriculum choice.

At Key Stage 5, the department delivers AQA A-level PE, with strong uptake and one class in both Year 12 and Year 13.

Overall, the department is committed to providing an engaging, inclusive and forward-thinking curriculum, creating a dynamic environment in which both students and staff can flourish.

Learning outside the Classroom – Enrichment Activities

The PE department has an extensive extra-curricular programme with up to 11 different clubs happening on a weekly basis. These clubs are open to all ages and genders, geared to provide students with the opportunity to take their PE experiences beyond the curriculum. The department also enters competitive sports teams at national, county and local level in a range of sports to provide competitive opportunities for students to represent the school.

Environment

The PE department holds a number of teaching spaces to help us provide both curricular and extra-curricular opportunities for our students. These include a five-badminton court sports hall with a climbing wall and three trampolines, Gymnasium, extensive playing fields, small Astroturf pitch, Netball/Tennis courts and a fitness suite.