



## FURTHER DETAILS OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND DANCE

### DEPARTMENT STRUCTURE

At St Thomas More Catholic Academy we currently offer 2 hours per week of Physical Education for KS3 and 1 hour of core Physical Education for KS4. We offer OCR Cambridge National Sport Studies qualifications at GCSE level in KS4 and OCR Cambridge Technical Sport at A level in KS5. The role offers the opportunity to be part of an inclusive and successful department at St Thomas More, offering a breadth of academic and vocational opportunities together with an enrichment offer to foster a love of this curriculum area in our students.

We are looking for someone who is passionate about their subject and is driven to instil a love of Physical Education in our students by offering a range of academic and enrichment opportunities and by being willing to work collaboratively to embed the departments curriculum across the Academy.

Visits are welcome and should be made through the HR Manager, Mrs Stacy Walker.

### CURRICULUM

#### Y7-9

We have built this curriculum on the foundations of Key Stage 1 and 2 and aim to develop further competence in key skills but present **all** learners with the wider opportunities as performers, officials, spectators and leaders during Key Stage 3 and 4, empowering them to confidently continue in the subject during Key Stages 4 and 5. We will provide a safe learning environment for learners to make sustained progress in motor competence, rules, tactics and strategies and healthy participation. Learners will gain confidence to perform and make mistakes to guide their next steps in their learning journey. We are proud of our curriculum allowing all students to develop a lifelong passion for sport, exercise and a healthy lifestyle.

Our curriculum pathway is distilled into a range of key activities across the key stage:

- Hockey
- Rugby
- Basketball
- Dance
- Volleyball
- Health and fitness
- Outdoor and adventurous activities
- Netball
- Handball
- Gymnastics
- Football
- Athletics
- Tennis
- Rounders
- Cricket
- Softball

**Y10-11**

The Cambridge National Certificate in Sport Studies is taught across a two-year KS4 at years 10 and 11.

The department is planning on delivering Dance at Level 2 from September 2025.

In core Physical Education in Key Stage 4 students are able to choose one of four pathways for the entire year with activities changing each term as part of that pathway.

**Y12-13**

St Thomas More is part of the Trinity Sixth Form. We currently offer at A level the Level 3 Sport and Physical Activity qualification (OCR Cambridge Technical).

**Department aims:**

- To provide all learners with sports performance and participation opportunities reaching beyond the classroom.
- To encourage students to foster a lifelong love of sport, exercise and healthy living.
- For staff and students to be an integral part of the Physical Education departments extra-curricular and enrichment programme.
- To ensure there is a positive learning culture within the department where students are allowed time to develop their knowledge across the key stages.
- To track student progress.
- To monitor behaviour and plan / support intervention.
- To analyse, monitor and raise the progress of Physical Education.
- To promote and drive rewards within the department in order to raise aspirations.

**Staffing**

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| • Adam Stonier   | Head of Faculty for PE and Performing Arts.                         |
| • Nigel Halliday | 2 <sup>nd</sup> in department for Physical Education.               |
| • Lydia Hall     | Teacher of Physical Education.                                      |
| • Vacant         | Teacher of Physical Education / Lead BTEC Performing Arts (Dance)   |
| • Alison Staton  | Deputy safeguarding lead/ Teacher of Physical Education.            |
| • Katie Nuttall  | Assoc. Assistant Headteacher /Teacher of Physical Education/ Maths. |

**Facilities**

We have an extensive range of facilities utilised by the Physical Education department including; a sports hall with 4 badminton courts, 8 basketball hoops, a gym space for dance and gymnastics, a fitness suite with cardiovascular machinery and free/fixed weights, a state of the art 3G artificial grass pitch full size split into 3 mini pitches, 3 netball courts converting into 4 tennis courts, 1 grass football pitch and 1 grass rugby pitch that convert into and athletics track and rounders pitches.



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