



PE Department Information

An Introduction to the Department

The PE department consist of four full time PE teachers who also hold TLRs outside of the department including a Head of PSHE, a Head of House and a Deputy Head. There are five part time staff in the team with two members holding TLRs for Outdoor education and KS4 PE coordinator respectively. 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

In key stage 3 students are taught in mixed gender classes following a concept-based curriculum aimed at developing all students holistically using physical activity as a vehicle for this. Students are grouped based on their personality to ensure they are given the opportunity to thrive and engage with new and excited experiences. In Key stage four, year 10 students will follow a pathway where they will select activities that again suit their interests and personalities. This process is repeated after three terms to ensure students have the opportunity to have depth and breadth in their learning. In year 11, students have the opportunity to participate in offsite games within the local community.

The department offers AQA GCSE PE where we currently have two classes in year 10 and 11, as well as Cambridge National Sports Science starting in September 2022.

At KS5, students study OCR A-level PE with there being one class in year 12 and one in year 13.

Learning outside the Classroom – Enrichment Activities

The PE department has an extensive extra-curricular programme with over 15 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 enter competitive sports teams at national, county and local level in a range of sports to provide competitive opportunities for students to represent the school. Working alongside the YST, the department also engages with projects to increase opportunities in areas such as leadership. Working with local universities, the PE department also host and work alongside trainee PE teachers.

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.