

Matravers School

Information about the PE department

The department currently has five full time teachers. Students being physically active is a high priority at Matravers. Currently in Year 7-9, students have at least 6/7 hours of teaching time that is split between the PE and Dance departments. At Key Stage 4, students currently have 3 hours, and at Key Stage 5, 2 hours (all hours are spread over a two week timetable).

At Key Stage 4 the school offers BTEC Sport, and at KS5 we offer BTEC Level 3. We also have a variety of leadership awards that students use to support our work in local primary schools where we are amongst a small number of schools nationally that have maintained an SSCO within the department.

The PE department has a strong reputation extracurricular wise, and runs a large amount of activities that range from the traditional sports, through to the not so traditional, such as our equestrian team. There is a large uptake from students participating in extra-curricular PE, and we foster a strong ethos of competition throughout much of what is offered either through intra or inter sport fixtures.

The department has many successful teams and students that have achieved county and beyond recognition. These achievements are celebrated every year in our Sports Personality of the Year evening!

The curriculum is underpinned by impressive facilities. We have significant onsite as well as offsite playing fields; a large sports hall; a gymnasium; dance studio- and the recently developed state of the art 'Fitness Suite' and a £100,000 upgrade of our hardcourt area to a floodlit AstroTurf facility.

We also recently have a full time Outdoor Education leader, who is leading on our outstanding provision of D of E; Ten Tors and the schools Combined Cadet Force. We have been one of a small number of schools nationally that have been granted CCF status by the Department for Education and British Army.

In conclusion, Physical Education, Sport and Physical Activity are high profile at Matravers. You will be joining a team and school that values PE and all the positive qualities it brings to our students. Should you feel that working in this environment is something for you, I would encourage you to apply, and look forward to reading you application

Good luck!

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