

Bishop Stopford School

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PHYSICAL EDUCATION FACULTY

Faculty Information

The PE faculty at Bishop Stopford is passionate about the subject and staff devote themselves to ensuring that physical activity is a valued and essential part of our students' lives. Our enthusiasm definitely rubs off on our students.

We have a superb balance between vastly experienced teachers and some who are newer to the profession. There is an open-door culture within the Faculty, where best practice is shared and innovation is welcomed. We regularly mentor student teachers which helps us to reflect on our own practice and ensure we don't become set in our ways.

We want our students to have a positive experience in PE and for it to become an integral part of their lives - whether continuing to study PE, joining a sports club or seeking out physical activity to benefit their health and well-being. We promote the development of the whole individual through physical activity; learning skills and developing qualities which can be beneficial in other areas of their lives.

We offer a broad and varied curriculum which all students can access, ranging from traditional team and individual sports such as rugby, football, netball, hockey, athletics and badminton, to dance, cheerleading, dodgeball and handball. Students value PE here and speak very favourably in student voice surveys about the delivery and the programme.

We are passionate about enhancement opportunities for our students, which includes lunchtime recreational clubs, coaching sports teams who compete in district, county and national competitions in after-school fixtures and our own inter-house competitions. We also offer an international tour every two years. We devote a significant amount of our time to this and we know our students value it.

We have outstanding facilities here, with a full size sand-based astroturf, 2 outdoor hard court areas, a multi-use games area, a large sports hall, smaller traditional gym, a dance studio and a generous field.

Examination PE is popular. We currently have 6 GCSE PE groups following the AQA course across Year 10 and 11 and one group each in Year 12 and 13 who study A Level PE (OCR). Students achieve well in examination PE, with 89% achieving A*-C at GCSE and A Level results at ALPS 3 in 2017.

We also offer Health and Social Care BTEC at Levels 1-3, spanning KS4 and KS5, which is a very popular vocational course in which students have a mixture of theoretical content and also includes practical placements in the industry.



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