

THE PE DEPARTMENT

This vacancy represents an exciting opportunity to join an established, traditional but forward-thinking department that has a clear vision and commitment to continuous improvement. The department continually develops curriculum initiatives to raise the achievements of all pupils and enable them to reach their full potential. Physical Education is a very successful and valuable area of our curriculum. We all aim to make a significant contribution to developing children's enjoyment, understanding and skill levels. The department has a strong ethos that values everyone, regardless of innate ability.

The successful applicant would teach across the full age and ability range.

In KS3 we teach mixed gender PE groups and single gender major games groups. The pupils have one hour of each per week. In PE the pupils experience a wide range of activities which includes dance, gymnastics, athletics, badminton, trampolining, basketball and fitness. The major team games experienced are football, netball, hockey, rugby union, tennis, cricket, softball, rounders and cross-country.

In KS4, most of the above activities are on offer with the exception of gymnastics. Most of these activities are single gender at KS4. We are able to deliver our curriculum effectively with appropriate facilities. Dance is delivered in our second gymnasium with a sprung floor. Both gymnasium facilities have badminton, volleyball and basketball courts marked on them and the Sports Hall is a large indoor area which has four badminton courts, one netball, one basketball, and one tennis court marked out. It also has two indoor cricket nets. There is also a fully equipped fitness suite.

Outdoors, there is a hard surface area which is fenced and floodlit. In one half there are three tennis courts and in the other, three tennis and three netball courts. Our playing fields include two football pitches, two rugby pitches and one three-quarter size hockey pitch. In the summer we have a grass and a flint cricket wicket and a 400m track. We also have the usual throwing and jumping areas for athletics. A multi-purpose games area with 2 netball courts and 2 tennis courts enhances our facilities.

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This is a permanent position commencing September 2021.

The department has a very strong team ethos, and the successful candidate will be expected to contribute strongly to the maintenance of that ethos. The successful candidate will have expertise and enthusiasm in hockey, tennis, dance and athletics as well as a range of other skills within PE and games, both curricular and extra-curricular.

Teaching of all key stages is expected immediately, or as part of a rotation of mini-teams depending upon the number of GCSE groups.

The ability to deliver anatomy, physiology and biomechanics would be particularly desirable.

The successful candidate would be expected to support and further improve our existing strong community links with various local clubs and show an interest in developing leadership in our students. We regularly share our facilities and that includes us using squash courts, the local swimming baths and all facilities available at Wigton Rugby Club. We also have strong links with our feeder primaries and these pupils often use our site for festivals and competitions through the SSCO programme.

The department is very committed to out-of-school activities and run many teams that compete in local leagues. Our teams, in a variety of activities, are very successful locally, inter-district, inter-county and nationally. We have a reputation for 'always being there', always competing. The successful candidate would be expected to be involved in extra-curricular activities.

We pride ourselves on our ability to motivate young people to share our enthusiasm for Physical Education, and look forward to welcoming a new colleague within the department.

Mr G. Clark
Head of PE
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