



The PE Learning Area

Our aim is to ensure that all our students regardless of their ability on entry, have the opportunity to experience a wide range of activities and experiences with the intention that they lead a healthy active lifestyle beyond their time at school. We also want to ensure that students develop competencies, knowledge, physical literacy/numeracy, and teamwork skills to ensure that they will thrive in the workplace and to support their well-being. Following a curriculum which provides positive experiences and rich opportunities for high quality learning it is hoped that all students will leave as resilient individuals who are able to respond positively to all challenges and use these experiences as stepping stones to success. Furthermore, we want all students to experience success and be able to overcome adversity by offering a wide range of recreational and sporting opportunities as part of our extra-curricular programme.

The Team

Head of PE: Kelly Rabbitt

- Leading strategy, teaching, and learning and student outcome.
- Supporting strategy and Behaviour for Learning and sports lead.
- In addition, there are 4 further PE teachers in the team.

Curriculum Organisation

All students take part in Physical Education lessons from year 7 through to year 11. Years 7 to 9 have two 60-minute lessons a week. The students are taught a range of sports including Netball, Football, Cricket, Rugby, Health Related Fitness, Badminton, Basketball, Gymnastics, Athletics, OAA and Tennis.

In Years 10 and 11 the students have 3 x 60-minute lessons per fortnight. Students are encouraged to participate in a range of activities and to develop their own interests in physical recreation and sport. In addition to this, highly successful GCSE and BTEC Sport (level 2 and 3) exam classes are also offered.

At sixth form, students opt to take a BTEC in Sport. We also run a range of extra-curricular activities and events for students in sixth form.

All staff are expected to teach across the age range. We teach students in mixed ability classes. The department is forward thinking and uses effective teaching and learning methods and resources. We pride ourselves on our positive learning environment. The team deliver a comprehensive range of extra-curricular experiences including clubs, competitions, and organise and attend regular domestic and abroad sports tours.

Departmental Accommodation/Resources

Facilities at the School are good. They include extensive playing fields, seven tennis/netball courts, fitness suite, a Sports Hall, which has four badminton courts, one full size basketball/volleyball court.

Developments in PE

The school has a strong sporting tradition, achieving successes in many major games and individual activities making us incredibly proud of our students' achievements. However, we are always keen to develop our focus for this year has been the introduction of bronze, silver and gold targets for every lesson and the introduction of a wider sporting experience beyond the traditional sports you might expect to see in a school. In examined courses, our main development point has been creating standardised resources and booklets to improve coherence across the curriculum.

Additional teaching

There may be a requirement to teach further subjects across the school and the ability to do so is desirable.

The successful applicant will join an enthusiastic team who work well collaboratively, both supporting each other and sharing ideas; we are moving towards continued improvements in our work practices.