



PHYSICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

The Physical Education department is an integral part in promoting Teign School's vision and ethos. We are fully committed to creating an inclusive and challenging environment for all to succeed. The department strives to provide innovative and engaging curricular and extra-curricular experiences which lead to strong outcomes in both practical and academic achievement. We have strong links across our ESW trust working collaboratively with other PE departments.

The department consists of 3 full time and 2 part time members of teaching staff which share a wealth of experience. Staff teach across all secondary key stages with one member of staff responsible for delivering primary provision within the Sports Partnership.

Curriculum

All year groups have two hours a week of core physical education. At Key Stage 3 students are taught in mixed ability and mixed gender groups in which they have chosen some friends to remain with. At Teign we endeavour not to label any of our students to ensure they have the freedom to develop to their own capacity in a safe and happy environment. Students follow a programme which focusses on the holistic development. The curriculum is underpinned by the Head Heart Hands assessment model. As a department we believe in creating opportunities for students to be active, engaged and develop life skills. Activities taught span a broad spectrum of sports and opportunities. All students in year 7 have the opportunity to pass their life skills qualification in which we really focus on using PE and sport as a medium to ensure they are ready for the wider world. Students from years 9 upwards get the opportunity to complete level 1, 2 & 3 sports leadership qualifications and dance level 2 leadership. We have a commitment to swimming for students in year 7 & 8, a life skill we believe is crucial for students living in Devon to have. Students across KS3 will experience multiple fitness units of work where we deliver useful theory information plus dance, OAA and multi-skills opportunities

At Key Stage 4 examination level we offer level 2 OCR Cambridge Nationals Sports Studies and Sport Science. Students receive 5 hours over the fortnight for the delivery of this course, with a double lesson each week. Students also continue to receive 2 hours of core PE in which we continue to build the skills and experience from KS3.

At Key Stage 5 we run Level 3 OCR Cambridge Technicals in Sport and Physical Activity and BTEC Level 3 in Health and Social Care. We pride ourselves on offering our students excellent personalised support. We take the students away for a residential in Bude to complete some of their practical assessment and ensure strong relationships are forged between staff and students.

Extra-curricular

We offer a vast extra-curricular provision and enjoy taking part in a variety of sports and fixtures across South Devon. In recent years we have enjoyed great success in many sports. We offer clubs in alternative sports as well as the traditional and have multiple clubs that are now led by our students and supported by local clubs to help strengthen our school club links and ensure continued involvement. As a department we are keen to ensure all students are given the opportunity to represent the school and attend clubs. Our main aim is to offer the widest variety of opportunities to encourage as many students as possible to participate regularly from beginner to elite level. Students are rewarded for their participation in line with the whole school praise system. We also run the nationally recognised Sports and Dance Leadership qualifications for students through extra-curricular. As a result of our commitment to student leadership we are currently the South West Centre of Excellence with the Leadership and Skills Federation. The department celebrates success through regular whole school celebrations and social media.

Facilities

- Sports Hall (including 5 Badminton courts)
- Aesthetic Movement Suite including low level climbing wall
- Fully equipped Fitness Suite
- On-site playground (three tennis courts size and two netball courts)
- Two mini-basketball courts
- On-site field (various pitches/athletics etc)
- Cricket nets indoor and out
- Second field (five minute walk – various pitches)
- Kingsteignton swimming pool (five minute walk – used in the Summer Term)

School Partnership

Teign School is substantially involved in providing School Partnership opportunities to the primary schools in our Learning Community and still has a School Sports Coordinator in post.

Community Sport

We are very lucky to have a strong community network that delivers lots of opportunities for our students beyond the school day. With clubs such as netball, Taekwondo, football, rugby and table tennis, there are plenty of opportunities for students to develop their skill level.

As a department we recognise the importance of PE and physical activity and the role it has to play in promoting long term, healthy lifestyles and making a positive impact on physical, mental and social health. We hugely value student voice and prioritise the engagement of our PE Ambassadors across our decisions to support our endeavours to be the best department we can possibly be. It is our intent to provide all students with high quality PE and sport provision, enabling them to make informed choices and decisions with regards to their future health and involvement in physical activity. It is our vision for every child to succeed and achieve their potential. We are a department with great ambition to always offer the best possible opportunities to our students. It is this ambition and engagement with current pedagogy that has led us to currently being in the Youth Sports Trusts top two schools nationally for secondary PE this year.