**ENGLISH MARTYRS’ CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

 **DEPARTMENT INFORMATION**

**PHYSICAL EDUCATION**

Physical Education and Sport is highly popular and successful at English Martyrs. It is part of the school’s ethos that students should work together for the benefit of all. PE and Sport have a key role to play in meeting this aim.

Students take BTEC Sport to Level 2 and 3 with great success. Each week large numbers of students also take part in extracurricular sport. There is a regular programme of competitions and events and both PE Staff and others take part in coaching and leading Extracurricular Sport. We have very close links with the School Sports Partnership and enter all competitions and has been very successful in Netball this year. In addition, we have a very strong partnership with the RFU and have worked in conjunction with the organisation for 3 years to develop their successful ‘All-schools programme’ within school for both boys and girls. There is also good student leadership of Sport with a Sixth Form Captain of Sport and many older students helping with coaching and refereeing of younger students.

The department is staffed by four full time Physical Education specialists and, a number of other colleagues also provide leadership and coaching.

Every lunch time we offer table tennis and the school has a number of members of staff who coach teams.

Due to our recent building project our sports facilities have been considerably enhanced. We have a ‘4 court’ sports hall, an activity studio, outdoor Netball courts, a large field and an all-weather Hockey Astroturf which is an “Inter-County” pitch. All are of an extremely high quality and we pride ourselves on both maintaining and improving these.

All students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 11 access two hours core curriculum of Physical Education. Year 10 access one hour core curriculum of Physical Education. Through the Performing Arts Curriculum, all students in Years 7-9 take Dance with large option groups in Years 10 and 11. The Annual Dance Show in the Auditorium involves 10% of the school’s population. (Dance is a separate curriculum subject).

We have developed very close links with the local community and as a result have a wide array of clubs and societies who use our facilities out of hours. Westleigh Hockey Club have been influential in developing a clear and successful school-club link structure within the school and we are also home to Beaumont Town FC.