



PHYSICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

This is an exciting time to join our Physical Education department. We have recently appointed Sarah Collings, ex international athlete, as Director of Sport to spearhead sport across all schools within the Griffin Schools Trust and we have secured extensive funding to refurbish and replace facilities over the next two years with the vision to become a sports hub for the region.

Our fantastic sports facilities are extensive and well maintained. The Physical Education Department has use of 1 large Sports Hall, 1 gymnasium, 1 dance studio, 4 tennis courts, 4 netball courts, 2 rugby and 8 football pitches, grass athletics track and 2 long jump pits. Our facilities are dual use with local football, dance, rugby, archery, netball and trampoline clubs based at school on an evening and our students benefit from our close links to these clubs.

In September, the Physical Education department will have 6 full time members of staff, 3 males and 3 females. Classes are taught in single sex groups at both key stages. Students are taught a broad and balanced curriculum covering all areas of PE including a full range of games, Dance, Gymnastics, OAA and Athletics at both key stage 3 and 4.

GCSE PE (Edexcel) and BTEC Sport are taught as an option subject at Key Stage 4. These courses are a popular choice with students and they achieve well. At Post 16, A-Level Physical Education (AQA) and/or BTEC Sport is taught, along with Sports Enrichment for Post 16 students on a Wednesday afternoon.

As a Griffin School, extra-curricular activities are at the heart of our vision and a commitment to extra-curricular activities by all staff is expected. We have a participation policy whereby practices and clubs are open to all pupils regardless of their ability. All clubs and practices are very well attended by both boys and girls. We have school teams in a variety of different sports competing successfully at District, County and National level.