

Information about the PE Department

Departmental vision

The departmental vision is simply MORE. More students, being involved in more high quality PE and school sport, more often.

The department strives to deliver high quality, enjoyable lessons which all students can access and develop within. The Academy also operates an enrichment programme, in which many sports activities are included. This coupled with after school clubs and practices mean that students have numerous opportunities to participate.

The Academy is also keen on students taking part in Intra- and Inter-school competition. This year there are two planned Inter-House sports events, in which all students are expected to participate as well as several optional activities. The Academy has a wide range of sports teams.

The department has developed community links and is keen to explore new opportunities. This has been in a variety of forms from taster sessions to coaches being used during curriculum time and out of school hours. The Academy is also actively involved with the Barnet Partnership for School Sport and actively encourages students to attend community clubs and activities.

Curriculum and learning approaches

The department aim is to provide the students with a broad and balanced curriculum and prepare them for the standards needed for GCSE PE and intra-school competitions. At KS3 students cover ten activities a year, as well as taster units of GCSE theory work. In Year 9 students have the option of taking PE as a preference, giving them the opportunity to study part of the GCSE course before taking their GCSE options. At KS4, students have the option of GCSE PE, and all students have a compulsory hour of core PE each week in which they are given variety of sporting activities to choose from. The department also delivers A-level PE to a growing number of students.

The Academy became an all-through school in September 2015 and for the last two years the department has delivered curriculum based primary PE.

A wide range of activities and teaching styles are used to develop students' skills and fitness, but underlying all of this is an inclusive and encouraging atmosphere. The departmental motto is "Personal Best" and students' progress at every level is recognised and celebrated. Assessment for Learning is a key feature of all lessons and students' personalised progress is recorded and tracked to ensure that all are motivated, challenged and engaged.

Staffing

This year the department has consisted of a Head of PE and four specialist members of PE teaching staff and a PE Technician.

Accommodation

There is a Sports hall, MUGA and Mini MUGA (Hard Courts). Alongside this there is a field, with which there is one football pitch or 200m athletics track (depending on the season) and some access to the assembly hall space.

The Sports Hall is well equipped both in terms of sports equipment and ICT, including a plasma screen with interactive overlay and ipod docking station for audio.

Additional information

A strong commitment to extra-curricular activities is required.

This is an extremely exciting opportunity for a teacher of PE to work within an outstanding school.

Please feel free to contact Lian Miveld, Head of PE at the Academy to discuss anything further or if you wish to visit the Academy prior to applying for the post.

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