



# ST CLEMENT DANES SCHOOL

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## FACULTY SUMMARY

<b>Faculty</b>	Physical Education
<b>Subject</b>	Physical Education
<b>Date</b>	October 2019



### The Physical Education Faculty

The Physical Education Faculty at St Clement Danes is energetic, hard-working and high-performing: it values professionalism and challenge. Consisting of 6 teachers including a Head of Faculty, an Assistant Head of Faculty and a school sports co-ordinator, the Faculty has a broad range of experience and backgrounds, making for a supportive and aspirational professional atmosphere. We are lucky to have 2 external coaches to assist with the training for Football, Rugby & Athletics. Staff are actively encouraged to contribute to the life of the Faculty and to further their own professional development. St Clement Danes is characterised by its positive and rewarding relationships with students and colleagues; these underpin the ethos in PE.

### Student Outcomes

Students achieve well in PE at all key stages. 80% of students achieved 9-4 grades at GCSE in 2019.

Students achieved 78% 9-4 grades in 2018. The cohort performed better in both papers than those in similar AQA centres.

In our Cambridge Technical cohort's first year, 5 students gained a Distinction \* grade, 1 student a D grade, with 3 achieving Merit grades. In 2018, students achieving A\*-E. 20% of students achieved A\*-A I but the overall cohort made = 0.26 of a grade's progress. Students outperformed other AQA centres in 3 of the 6 sections of the 2 written papers.

### **Curriculum**

The Faculty prides itself on offering a stimulating and aspirational curriculum at all Key Stages. At Key Stage 3, Physical Education lessons enable students to develop their practical performance alongside their fitness, teamwork, leadership and analytical skills. Students will experience two hours of PE each week in a number of different activities including: basketball, volleyball, gymnastics, trampolining, dance, fitness training, tennis, cricket, rounders, football, rugby, netball, hockey, badminton, handball and athletics.

Students experience three core games lessons per fortnight in Year 10 and in Year 11. These lessons are compulsory and are in addition to the very popular option of GCSE PE. In games at Year 10, students have the option to take the Level 1 Award in Sports Leadership. Core Games for students not choosing this course includes the sports delivered at KS3 as well as alternative games such as Gaelic football and exercise to music lessons. Uptake for GCSE PE is high with over 55 students regularly choosing the subject. The theory lessons prepare students for the two written papers and practical lessons deliver the range of sports that are most likely to be assessed at the end of Year 11 such as football, rugby, netball, table tennis, handball badminton and athletics. Students also produce coursework that analyses and improves their performance.

In Year 12, students have a games lesson once a fortnight and are able to choose the sports in which they would most like to participate. Again, uptake at Key Stage 5 in A-Level Pe & OCR Cambridge Technicals Extended Certificate in Sport & Physical Activity is high. We are currently teaching the first cohort of the new specification which requires students to study exercise physiology, psychology in sport, practical coaching and leadership and sports development issues in sport. Students will be assessed practically in the sport of their choice and will also write commentaries of their performance outlining their strengths demonstrated in their video evidence.

### **Facilities**

The Physical Education Faculty benefits from extensive facilities on our generous site including a gymnasium, a newly-built dance studio, sports hall, full-sized AstroTurf, tennis courts and several grass pitches. The Faculty occasionally makes use of the Barbirolli Hall, particularly for sports performances, making full use of the digital projector and light and sound equipment. We are excited to be opening a new strength & conditioning room to allow our KS4 & 5 students to experience improved fitness facilities in Games as well as the Senior sports teams to be provided with personalised fitness training sessions.

### **Extra-curricular**

The Faculty prides itself on its outstanding commitment to extra-curricular learning and has an extensive extra-curricular programme. Students represent the school in competitions at district, county, regional and national levels. We have a reputation for high-level performance in a number of sports throughout the county and the country.

Last year was extremely successful. The Year 7 & Senior Football teams won their league and reached Round 5 in the ESFA Cup. The Year 9 and 10 rugby team have made it through to the Regional final of the National Vase. The Year 8 and 9 girls' football team have made the quarter finals of the county cup. The year 9 boys won the district basketball & rugby leagues. Our athletics teams had their best ever season last year with the boys Under 14 teams becoming County League Champions, and the Junior Boys reaching a Regional A Final. Year 8 Boys and Girls and Year 7 Girls are District Cross-Country Champions.

Our annual Gym & Dance Display is very popular and enables over 100 boys and girls to show off their talents. The educational visits to Lanzarote for athletics training and to Maine, USA, for senior football, provide a fantastic experience for our students each year. Students are also offered the opportunity to lead at local primary school festivals, thus ensuring that their leadership as well as sporting skills are able to develop.