



PE DEPARTMENT

Details of the post – Head of PE

This post has come about as a result of the promotion of the previous post holder. The successful candidate will be expected to teach across the age range and have experience of GCSE and A Level PE. Our priority is to appoint a dynamic, hardworking HOD with the ability to confidently lead a team and the vision to expand our current offer.

We are looking for someone who has a specialism in either hockey or netball, however, we will consider candidates with other specialisms'. The person appointed will need a collaborative approach to working, have good interpersonal skills and deliver lessons that will inspire all our learners to be the best they can be. A member of the senior team who is a PE specialist will line manage and support the appointed candidate in the first year of the post.

The PE Department

The PE Department is a team of enthusiastic colleagues who are relentless in their desire to engage and motivate students. Our dedicated and hard-working team currently consists of 3 full time members of staff, two part time members of staff (one who is a dance specialist) and a PE technician. Due to the promotion of the recent HOD we are also advertising for a HOD role.

Student progress is at the heart of everything we do - our vision is to 'promote well-being, life-long participation and excellence in PE for all'. We aim to inspire students through an education which is inclusive and enjoyable whilst encouraging all students to do their absolute best which includes an elite pathway in selected sports. Facilities include a fitness room housing cardiovascular and weights equipment, a sports hall, a gym with a sprung floor, netball/tennis courts, a full sized astro turf and extensive playing fields which accommodate a 400m track.

Our students

The students at Beaconsfield High are highly motivated, highly engaged and eager to learn. This makes teaching PE both enjoyable and rewarding as you are able to stretch and challenge students all students and see progress being made. Due to the well behaved and positive environment you can develop your skills as a teacher and experiment with new and creative ideas.

Year 7-9

Years 7-9 are taught four, hour long lessons a fortnight. Students study two sports per half term on a rotation basis. Activities include a wide range of traditional and emerging games, alongside aesthetic activities such as gymnastics and dance, fitness and athletics. Throughout the key stage, students are taught GCSE Sport themes to allow for an easier transition and secure outcomes at Key Stage 4. Activities taught include a combination of activities that can include athletics (track + field) badminton, basketball, cricket, dance, fitness, football, gymnastics, hockey, netball, rounders, rugby, team challenges and trampolining,

Year 10 and 11 GCSE

GCSE PE is a popular option with four classes in Years 10 and 11. The Department teaches the AQA course and consistently achieves very high grades. Students work very hard and thoroughly enjoy the course.

Year 10 and 11 core PE

Students are allocated four hour long lessons a fortnight. They can opt to follow a games pathway, an aesthetic pathway or a combined pathway and the focus is on developing life long participation and habits for good health. Students also have the opportunity to gain the Level 2 Sports Leaders Award and go on to support local primary school events and competitions.

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Year 12 and 13 A Level PE

A Level PE is a popular option with numbers varying from year to year. We teach the AQA course and work in collaboration with other schools to cross moderate and share good practice. Results are consistently high and many students go on to university to study sports science and sports related courses such as physiotherapy and sports psychology.

Sixth Form Enrichment

Students can opt to follow a pathway that includes elite / squad hockey and netball, dance, recreational PE and games, yoga and squash. Additionally they can study for the Level 3 Sports Leaders Award, work in local primary schools or community groups or become a student mentor.

Dance

Dance is taught in most year groups by a dance specialist and there is an active dance leadership program whereby older students run dance clubs and troupes. We have specialist choreographers running troupes for our advanced dancers and run a full range of extra curricular dance clubs. We offer both GCSE and A' Level dance and run an annual dance show held at the Wycombe Swan theatre.

Extracurricular Activities

The Department offers extensive extra-curricular opportunities both at lunchtime and after school and clubs are open to all. There are many competitive opportunities both in the local community, county and further afield. We enter all league and area competitions as well as a range of regional and national competitions. The successful candidate will be expected to contribute to extra-curricular activities and fixtures. A minibus driver's license is desirable although not essential as we will provide training.

We also employ coaches in a number of sports to support our extra curricular program.

Interhouse competitions are run throughout the year and are led by our sports leaders.

We offer our senior netball and hockey squads the opportunity to participate in our biannual sports tour which has previously gone to Australia and most recently went to South Africa for the first time.

We acknowledge the contribution of students to the PE department through our annual Sport and Dance dinner awards.

If you are unsure about working at a high achieving all girls grammar school or require more information, please contact us and we can organise an informal visit or arrange someone to speak to you regarding the school and the post. For additional information please visit our website or to arrange an informal visit or chat please contact Steph Sullivan at recruitment@beaconsfieldhigh.bucks.sch.uk.

