Physical Education Department

The Physical Education department consists of three full time members of staff. We also have a part time 5x60 officer who supports the delivery of extra-curricular. The Department is highly respected for both its delivery of high quality Physical Education and its growing extracurricular programme. The PE department provides enjoyment and challenge for all our students. We want to encourage them to participate in physical activity into adult life recognising its importance as part of a healthy lifestyle.

The aim of the department is:

* To introduce students to a broad and balanced range of physical activities.
* To encourage enjoyment and success in activities and promote participation outside of school.
* To develop the skill level of all students, recognising excellence, improvement and effort.
* To encourage participation of students in the roles of performer, coach, administrator and official.
* To support the pursuit of excellence through Club, Area, County, and National selection.
* To develop qualities of co-operation, tolerance, listening, empathy and understanding.
* To encourage fair play and integrity in all competitive situations.

**Key Stage 3**

In Key Stage 3 pupils are taught in single and occasionally mixed gender ability groups. They have 2 lessons of Physical Education each week. The Key Stage 3 curriculum provides pupils with the opportunity to develop their abilities across a broad range of sporting activities.

In the Autumn and Spring term pupils undertake a selection of the following activities: badminton, basketball, football, gymnastics, health related fitness, hockey, netball, rugby, and volleyball.

In the Summer term pupils undertake a selection of the following activities: athletics, cricket, rounders, softball and tennis.

**Key Stage Four**

Pupils in Key Stage Four also have core time for Physical Education. Activities may include some of those taken in KS3 but the pupils are encouraged to widen their role and not simply remain the performer. Further activities such as Zumba, Table-Tennis, and Handball are also offered.

**GCSE PE**

At GCSE pupils follow the WJEC GCSE in PE course. We currently have around 35% of the Year 10 and 11 cohort taking GCSE PE. The person appointed should expect to become involved in teaching both the theory and practical elements of this course.

**Facilities**

At present the school has a sports hall and fitness suite, an Astroturf pitch, a tarmac area which holds two netball courts. There are 3 layered fields. One supports one main football pitch and 2 rounders pitches for the summer. One accommodates an athletics track and the other a rugby pitch. There is a drama studio which can be used for Dance and Health and fitness throughout the year.