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The PE Department at QPCS are a dynamic, committed and forward-looking team with an excellent reputation locally. We are currently comprising of five PE specialists, two males and three females and are seeking a sixth member to join our hardworking team. As a Department we are extremely passionate and enthusiastic about our subject and we pride ourselves on our enthusiasm and commitment to getting students involved and fostering a love for sport and physical activity. Our vision is to ensure that all students have access to a high-quality PE curriculum, regardless of their starting points or prior experiences and to ensure that all students are equipped with the physical competence, important knowledge and confidence that will reduce barriers to participation and ensure they can make informed healthy, active lifestyle choices now and beyond their years at QPCS.

The curriculum at Key Stage 3 is wide and varied and includes compulsory swimming in Year 7. Winter sports include; netball, football, rugby, basketball, dance, gymnastics, trampolining, badminton, volleyball and fitness. We then turn our focus to athletics, tennis, rounders, cricket, softball in the summer months. At Key Stage 4 the emphasis is on participation and promoting healthy, active futures. Students cover a wide range of activities which will include an element of choice. We are always seeking to expand our curriculum and minority sports are gradually introduced through all Key Stages. PE is offered as a GCSE option and excellent results are achieved.

Our extensive extra-curricular programme provides opportunities for pupils to further develop their skills. We have a strong games tradition and regularly achieve success within the borough in football, netball, basketball and badminton. We are also the 'top' school in Brent in Athletics and cross-country, winning seven of the eight team events last year. We run a Contemporary Dance Club after school supported by the Step into Dance programme and have introduced dance into the curriculum. In the spring we put on a Dance, Cheerleading and Gymnastic Showcase that has proved to be very popular.

We have excellent PE facilities including a large sports hall, a gym, an outdoor multi use games areas, a fitness suite/gym and two full sized football pitches. We also have access to the facilities at the local tennis and cricket clubs as well as the swimming pool and fitness suite at Willesden Sports Centre. The school has two mini buses and the PE department makes full use of them in the curriculum and for travel to and from school competitions.

We are a friendly department and a very strong team with, I believe, a good mix of experience and youth. Overall Queens Park Community School has a strong sporting ethos and the PE department is fully supported by the school. As a member of our department, you can expect to have a busy and varied timetable working alongside supportive and dedicated colleagues. If you are motivated and want to work with us to make a difference to the lives of our students then we look forward to hearing from you.

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Head of Department

