**St Simon Stock Catholic School**

PE Department

The Physical Education department is situated in its own block and boasts excellent sports facilities including a brand new Multi Use Games Area which outlays seven Tennis courts, four Netball courts, four Basketball courts, and three five a side football/hockey courts. We also have a full sized Sports Hall and beautiful playing fields which consists of: three football pitches and one Rugby pitch – during the summer our fields are arranged into a full 400m track with a cricket square and three rounder/softball pitches.

The PE department consists of four fulltime staff members and one part time staff member, they are very positive, dynamic, and exude a ‘can do’ culture. The department has high aspirations for all learners and offer a great range of physical activities across Key stage three, four and five.

Key Stage Three students have four lessons of core PE per fortnight and follow a scheme of work which covers three main topics; Health & Fitness, Fundamental Skills & Tactics and Leadership & Team Work. These schemes are currently being developed to reflect recent changes in education and effectively build student skills and knowledge in preparation for the new GCSE curriculum.

Key Stage Four students have four lessons of core PE and further four lessons for GCSE pupils per fortnight and follow the Edexcel exam board. The pupils have a mixture of theory based lessons and practical lessons in their Sports Studies class. The Sport Studies class is a popular option amongst our students resulting in more than half a year taking the subject.

At Keys Stage five we offer the BTEC level 3 Extended Certificate in Sport. BTEC Sport is again a popular choice for our students and can now be chosen as a part of the International Baccalaureate pathway. Most of our students, if not all, go on to study a sport related course at university. Our entry requirement for this course is at a high standard therefore, all of our students are high academic achievers.

As a department we place huge emphasis on extracurricular activities. Both committing to high level of sports clubs and sports fixtures across a range of sporting competitions both locally and at county level. We have recently had huge success in Netball, Basketball, Athletics, Badminton, Rugby and Football.

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