



Physical Education Learning Area

LEARNING AREA

The Physical Education Learning Area is very well resourced. Accommodation includes a large Sports Hall, Fitness Suite, changing rooms, suite of classrooms, two external tarmacked surfaces for tennis, netball or hockey and a very well maintained sports field with two pitches and numerous grid sections. Staff benefit from using interactive whiteboards in classrooms and use software to record, view and analyse performance.

PE is a popular subject and very well supported by students during the extended school day. A dedicated and conscientious team of staff ensure that students achieve their full potential whilst developing a passion for health-related fitness and sport. Examination results are excellent.

The Physical Education Department is strong at the Academy, valued and supported by parents, students and staff. The area enjoys a high profile both within the Academy, our feeder Primary schools and the regional community.

STAFFING

Currently, six full-time teachers work within the PE Department. A Head of PE manages the curriculum and day to day running of the department and works in collaboration with the Senior Deputy Head who oversees the PE area of experience. The PE staff work closely together and are a fantastic supportive team of professionals, one well worth joining.

EXAMINATION RESULTS

The PE Department achieved excellent end of Key Stage 3 results in 2019, with students making excellent levels of progress. In 2019 100% of students successfully passed the BTEC Level 2 Sport course with 32% gaining a Distinction*/ Distinction. The GCSE results were also impressive with 88% of pupils achieving at least a grade 4. In Sixth Form 100% of students successfully passed the BTEC Diploma with at least a Merit, with 73% gaining a Distinction.



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TEACHING AND LEARNING

Students are taught predominantly in single gender mixed ability groups. At Key Stage 4 some students are ability banded to pursue either a GCSE PE or BTEC Sport pathway. Students are encouraged from Key Stage 3 to develop a sound knowledge of the theoretical aspects of PE alongside the practical.

Key Stage 3

Students are taught in mixed ability groups for most parts of the curriculum allowing a differentiated approach to our curriculum management. Students receive two one and a half hour sessions weekly at Key Stage 3 which is a two year programme of study. The curriculum for PE is delivered through a series of modules through the year, six in total each with an assessment focus. Units of study are varied but range from games based sports to health-related exercise within the National Curriculum for PE.

Key Stage 4

All students continue studying PE at Key Stage 4 and receive a one and a half hour session a week within the three year programme of study. Students can continue to study practical activities as they have the opportunity to follow the Level 2 BTEC First Award in Sport or GCSE PE.

Key Stage 5

In the Sixth Form there are two pathways available progressing from Key Stage 4. The Edexcel BTEC Level 3 Extended Certificate or Diploma in Sport or AGCE Physical Education. Students studying the Diploma or AGCE PE course receive two three hour sessions a week, those studying the full Diploma receive four three hour sessions a week. In addition students can opt to pursue the Sports Leaders Award.

ENRICHMENT

The PE Department offers a wide and varied programme of extra-curricular activities including girls' and boys' football and rugby, hockey, netball, basketball, badminton, gymnastics, rounders, cricket, athletics, tennis, wheelchair basketball and fitness. Teams represent all those sports listed and enjoy success at a local, regional and national level. The extended school day is very well supported by students with team representation from Key Stage 3 to Sixth Form. Students have the opportunity to pursue the Duke of Edinburgh Award from Bronze to Gold level.