

PHYSICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

The PE Department is currently staffed by 6 full time PE specialists.

At Key Stage 3, pupils follow Games, Gymnastics, Athletics, Dance, Orienteering and Fitness. At Key Stage 4, where all pupils are assessed towards GCSE Full Course or Short Course criteria, great importance is placed upon assessing pupils towards their individual strengths, although general emphasis is placed upon Games and Athletics.

PE is generally taught as single sex groups apart from GCSE and A Level classes. Our Sixth Form students all receive an afternoon of recreation either on or off site, using facilities within the area. All pupils and students are also offered the opportunity of completing the JSLA and CSLA awards, while full course GCSE pupils complete the Manchester United Young Coaches Award.

GCSE PE / Games has been taught for several years and AQA Specification A had been followed; we now follow the Edexcel specification. For the last eight years we have had a 100% pass rate, with a gradually increasing number of pupils gaining a good pass rate from this course. Last summer, 92.3% of the 52 pupils entered for full course GCSE PE gained an A* - C grade. A further 170 pupils were entered for short course GCSE PE. Currently 4 classes are completing the GCSE PE full course in Year 10 and 11, with every other pupil at Key Stage 4 completing short course PE. In our Sixth Form, AQA Sport and Physical Education is completed at A Level. This course is growing in popularity, with 27 students currently enrolled on the course in Year 12 and 13.

The Department has earned the FA Charter Mark for Excellence in football provision, and was voted the Greater Manchester FA Charter Mark School of the Year in 2005.

In the fitness suite we have a range of cardiovascular and resistance equipment for use solely by our pupils, including four treadmills, three exercise bikes, cross trainers, steppers and a rowing machine. In the Sports Hall, we have five badminton courts, one netball court, one basketball court, one volleyball court and one trampoline. The gymnasium accommodates fixed apparatus and a basketball court and we also have three new outdoor netball courts; two full sized and one short court. Other outdoor facilities include two playing fields, one on site and one off site, with two football pitches, one 200m athletics track, long jump pit and four rounders pitches and an off site astro turf facility which is used for hockey, football and cricket.

The school has four minibuses which enable teams to travel to local fixtures and events. Presently, team representation is made in netball, hockey, rounders, boys and girls football, athletics, cross country, basketball, rugby and cricket with further gymnastics, trampolining, volleyball and lacrosse clubs also taking place.

We are currently applying for planning permission for an astro turf facility.

The Governors are looking to appoint an excellent practitioner who will provide both day to day and strategic leadership to the Department. It is an essential requirement of the post that there be substantial commitment to the provision of extra curricular sports activities.