

Physical Education Department

The department has an excellent reputation for the quality of its physical education and extended curriculum programmes.

Current Facilities in Physical Education

The school has the following facilities:

- Single Basketball Court Sports Hall
- Double Basketball Court Sports Hall
- Community Education classroom equipped with Interactive Whiteboard and other ICT software.
- Physiotherapy area
- Sensory Room
- 9 multi-use synthetic courts
- Dance studio
- Indoor changing for 180 students.

Our facilities in physical education also include one full-sized grass football pitch, one junior-sized grass football pitch and a full-sized grass rugby pitch. During the summer months we also have rounders' pitches and a cricket wicket. In addition to the above, we have a partnership with Norfolk Park for access to the park for our fitness and outdoor adventure programmes.

The Curriculum

The Department successfully delivers a broad and balanced curriculum at Key Stage 3 and 4. The Key Stage 3 programme consists of the teaching of invasion games, net/racket games, fitness, OAA, striking and fielding, athletics and dance.

At Key stage 4 all students have the opportunity to undertake a Level 1 in Sports Leaders Award as part of their core programme. In addition to GCSE Physical Education, we offer OCR Level 2 in Sport and BTEC Dance Level 2.

At Post-16, high numbers of students opt for courses in A-Level Physical Education, BTEC Level 3 in Dance and BTEC Level 3 in Sport. The department also encourages Year 12 and 13 students to take up Leadership opportunities across our school and our partnership schools.

Each year a significant number of students progress to university to follow degree-level courses linked to sport.

Teaching and Learning

Throughout the Key Stages, heavy emphasis is placed on the quality of teaching and learning to ensure that every student has the opportunity to reach their potential in physical education. Departments and teachers across subject areas are encouraged to undertake short-term action research to explore alternative approaches in pedagogy and to promote whole-school improvements in areas such as assessment for learning and the use of ICT. Every member of the Department participates in a professional development programme which meets the needs of the subject development plan and the individual.

Extra-Curricular provision

The Department delivers an extensive out-of-school hours learning programme in physical education before the school day, during lunchtimes, afternoons and weekends which links directly to the citywide competitions. All colleagues within the Department are encouraged to contribute to this programme in order to enhance student progression and achievements.

Educational trips

As a Department, we run an annual sport based educational trip where we alternate between skiing in Italy and a sports tour to Spain.

Community Links

There are excellent Community links with a range of key users including long-standing partnerships with Sheffield United and Sheffield Wednesday (football), Sheffield Hatters (basketball) and Sheffield Volleyball Club.

Talented Students in Physical Education

In addition to offering differentiated activities for talented students within the curriculum, the Department also runs, through partnership with Sky Sports Living for Sport, a Gifted and Talented programme to support students who are gifted in a particular sport or activity.

Celebrating our achievements

The PE department garner a huge number of awards and successes throughout the year. We come together as a whole school Community inviting students, families and partner schools to celebrate our achievements at our annual PE Awards ceremony.

Staffing

There are currently six full-time teachers of PE and four part-time teachers.

Other links

Each year the department is involved in the training of teachers through links with local ITT providers.

The school works in partnership with Goals Soccer Centre and the community to provide facilities outside the school day/terms.

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