

PE and Dance Learning Area Information

The learning area consists of PE and Dance. We believe in the importance of an exciting and stimulating physical educational and dance programme for all, with a real emphasis on excellence, participation, cooperation and enjoyment to enhance teaching and learning. Students are able to develop their learning further with the extensive extra-curricular and sports programme. We offer a broad range of activities which all students are encouraged to attend, this includes lunchtime and after-school sports clubs, inter-house competitions, inter-school fixtures and school performances. We even run a programme of staff sports covering a variety of sports across the year.

Facilities include a 4-badminton court sports hall, an outside multi-use games area, 4 full-size netball courts which are also used as tennis courts in the summer months, a gymnasium and outdoor pitches, a small fitness suite and a state-of-the-art dance studio, all on site.

At Key stage 3 students are taught a wide range of activities in mostly mixed ability single sex classes. At key stage 4, students follow a pathways programme allowing them to select appropriate sporting opportunities, based on their interests. These are mixed gender and ability groups. GCSE PE, Dance and Sports Studies classes are taught in mixed gender and ability groups. Currently there is one group in each year group studying the AQA PE GCSE & AQA Dance. There is also one group in year 11 studying Cambridge National Sport Studies and two in year 10. We also have small A-Level classes in each year group for PE (OCR).

We have a successful leadership programme which runs through keystage 3, 4 & 5. Students showing aptitude for leadership apply for a place on the programme and successful applicants work alongside one of our members of staff helping run primary school events and events for children in keystage 3.



