

PHYSICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

PE, sport and physical activity is held in high regard by the school. As such it is well resourced by the governor's and senior leaders. In recent years the staffing of department has increased and there will be 7 full time teachers in 2017-18. The school holds the Sainsbury's Schools Games Gold Award.

Facilities are very good with an on-going programme of refurbishment and upgrades. Outdoor facilities comprise a multi-use Astroturf (in the process of being floodlit), netball courts and grass area. The grass area is used for games in the Autumn and Spring Terms and athletics/rounder's in the Summer Term. Indoor facilities are substantial - a 5 badminton court sports hall, gym and fitness suite. The school has six minibuses which are used regularly for sports fixtures.

Curriculum time is generous. All students have two hours of PE per week in Year 7 to 11. In addition, those who opt for examined PE in Year 10 and 11 get an additional five hours of PE per fortnight. In Year 12 and 13 students can follow a PE pathway as part of Wednesday afternoon enrichment.

PE is generally taught as single sex groups apart from GCSE and A Level classes. At Key Stage 3, pupils follow Games, Gymnastics, Athletics, Dance, and Fitness. At Key Stage 4 (core PE), students are offered a degree of choice in the activities they can follow. Many activities continue from Key Stage 3 and these are supplemented by fitness based courses e.g. Zumba.

In Year 10 and 11 students can opt for an examined course in PE. GCSE PE has a long history of success both in terms of numbers and grades. There are regularly over sixty students in a cohort with over 80% gaining at least a grade C. Recently we have introduced the VCert in Health and Fitness to broaden our curriculum offer. The first cohort is currently in Year 10. A-Level Physical Education is amongst the most successful subjects in the school for progress. Each year there is at least one A-level class and often two. Many go on to study sport based courses at university.

Extra-curricular PE is thriving at Wellington School and is integral to the work the department does. The variety and achievement is excellent. There is district success in a range of sports – football, netball, athletics, cheerleading water-polo and basketball. Regional success in football and indoor athletics. In 2017 the Year 8 boys handball team were runners up in the national finals, the Year 8 girls came fifth. External competition is supplemented by a health inter-form competition which culminates in Sports Day at Stretford Athletics Stadium in June.

In 2017 we held our first overseas trip for sports teams. The football, rugby and netball teams experienced a life changing fortnight in South Africa with a return trip already planned for 2019. In addition, there is an annual ski trip to America in February. Trips and visits form an important part of the success of A-level with local excursions to facilities like the Manchester velodrome. Recently there was a three-day visit to London to study facilities associated with the London Olympics and its legacy.

In summary the PE Department is a thriving one which achieves excellent results in terms of student progress. In view of this, the Governors seek to appoint an excellent classroom practitioner with the energy, drive and enthusiasm to continue to build upon and develop standards of achievement within the department. A commitment to extra-curricular activity is essential.