

PHYSICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

PE, sport and physical activity is held in high regard by the school and is well resourced. In recent years the staffing of department has increased and there are 9 teachers.

Facilities are very good with an on-going programme of refurbishment and upgrades. Outdoor facilities comprise a multi-use floodlit Astro turf, netball courts and grass area. The grass area is used for games in the Autumn and Spring Terms and athletics/rounders 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.

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. We also run an OCR National in Sports Studies to broaden our curriculum offer. A-Level Physical Education is a popular and successful subject at Key Stage 5. 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. External competition is supplemented by a popular inter-form competition which culminates in Sports Day at Stretford Athletics Stadium in June.

The football, rugby and netball teams have just returned from a life changing fortnight in South Africa, our second overseas trip for sports teams – a return trip will be planned for 2027. In addition, there is an annual ski trip 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, we wish 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.