

PE DEPARTMENT – USEFUL INFORMATION

Your Role

We are seeking to appoint an outstanding teacher or ECT who recognises the importance of Sport and PE for the School and the local community. They will be able to enthuse students and will show a real passion for Sport and PE themselves. This is an outstanding opportunity to join a very successful team in a school with a great range of extra-curricular activities, team and individual international achievements.

We are offering the successful candidate the opportunity...

- To join a large and successful team in a thriving school.
- To promote success in an array of sports, physical education and healthy lifestyles.
- To work with students across the full age and ability range in an 11-18 School.
- To help shape and create an enhanced provision beyond the great range and quality we already provide.
- To work in an innovative and outward looking school.

There are many factors which will support this opportunity:

- Very strong parental and community interest in sports
- Positive, courteous and enthusiastic students
- Excellent existing links with clubs and community organisations
- A Joint Use Leisure Centre at the heart of the school including a well-equipped Fitness Suite and dedicated teaching spaces. There is an AWP, Dance Studio, Sports hall, Tennis/Netball Courts and extensive playing fields.
- Extensive links with other schools in the Sherborne Schools Partnership, with the local independent schools, across North Dorset, Dorset and Somerset Academies, good and outstanding schools across the South West.

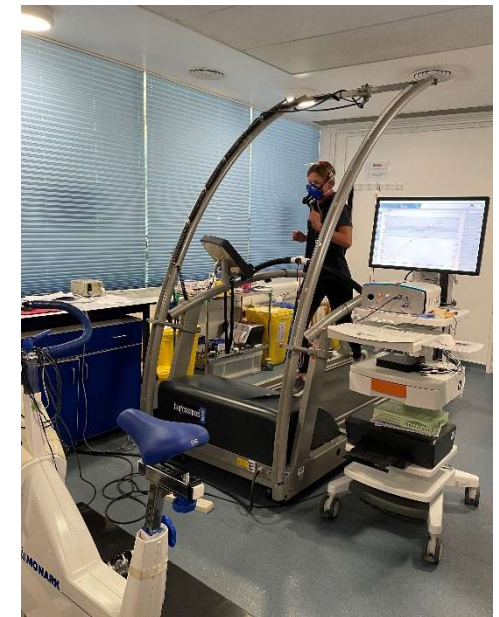
Background

Standards

- BTEC L2 Tech Award in Sport is taken a KS4. The results are outstanding
- Both BTEC L3 Sport and A-Level in Physical Education are available in the Sixth Form. The BTEC results are outstanding. The AL results are at least good and improving.
- Participation in lessons is very high and pupils also get the opportunity to visit the University of Bath to experience elite level fitness testing.

Sporting Success

- Former pupils such as Tom Lawday and Tom James both play for Premiership sides Harlequins and Northampton Saints in Rugby and Ollie Devoto played in the England U20 Rugby World Cup winning team, as well as gaining his first England Cap last Year in the RBS Six Nations and is now playing regularly for Exeter Chiefs Rugby having attended The Gryphon School in Years 7-11.
- Regular friendly fixtures against local schools in all sports.
- Former National Champions in Gymnastics, Sailing and Biathlon
- Success in National Competitions for the Rugby, Football, and Netball



- Regularly winning district girls' sports leagues in Netball, Hockey and Rounders.
- Individual students represent the country, district and county as well as being selected for academies in Football and Rugby.
- The Annual Sports Awards Evening celebrates all the success and effort.
- Students involved in Sports Leadership make a significant contribution to school events and inter school activities and competitions.
- Achievements are promoted in the school newsletter, social media and website as well as in the local press.

The Curriculum

- Pupils in years 7 to 11 follow the national curriculum with each year group learning about 12 different activities across the year.
- We feel that our more tailored Year 10 and 11 programmes reflect the changing maturity and attitudes of our older pupils who seek a more leisure based approach to physical activity.
- We are also pleased to provide Gifted and Talented students with a full range of opportunities to develop their skills via after school clubs as well as in local and national competitions.
- There are currently 100 students in Year 10 and in Year 11 taking examination courses.
- At KS5 students can opt for the AQA A Level course or a BTEC course. There are currently over 35 students following courses in the Sixth Form.
- Sixth Form enrichment includes numerous activities and fixtures mainly on Wednesday afternoon.



Facilities and resources

- Exclusive use of a modern Leisure Centre throughout the day.
- The Joint Use Leisure Centre consists of a very large Sports Hall, Fitness Suite and Dance Studio.
- The school has a floodlit All Weather Pitch as well as having 2 games fields which enable us to host the majority of athletics events, 4 football pitches and 2 excellent rugby pitches.
- The Department has its own classroom, with an interactive whiteboard and access to a range of ICT facilities.
- There are very good relationships with the local independent and state schools.
- Outside coaches and organisations also contribute to sporting participation and success, for example the Sherborne Sports Trust and Sherborne Rotary Clubs.



Extra-Curricular

- The School offers a large array of activities to cater for the needs of all pupils both competitively and recreationally.
- Within PE lessons students regularly compete in an Inter House System where they have the opportunity to work with their peers and demonstrate their skills in engaging activities
- The PE Department also organise Inter Tutor events to allow pupils to work with their fellow tutees and support each other using the pastoral system
- At the end of each year the whole school take part in “the Gryphon Games,” where all staff and all pupils participate in a plethora of activities. This has proven to be highly successful and popular event across the whole school, which has a real community feel, showcasing the enjoyment and enthusiasm that students and staff have for sport.