

## **Physical Education Department Curriculum Statement**

The vision for the Physical Education curriculum at Wykham Park Academy is to engage students in sport and physical activity through participation and challenge. We aim to prepare children both practically and academically for future participation or work within the sports industry by ensuring PE is the leading vocational subject in the academy. Physical Education develops transferable skills such as teamwork, leadership, problem solving and resilience which can be used across all other curriculum subjects. We believe that Physical Education can instil the belief in students that they can achieve, be self motivating as well as building communities and overcoming social barriers.

This will be actioned by engaging pupils through practical to encourage them to represent the school in extra-curricular fixtures and continue with lifelong participation in sport and/or physical activity. Our curriculum creates opportunities for students to experience a wide variety of sports, alongside the development of theory based knowledge required for assessment. We have a specific focus on developing understanding of tactics and strategies through practical sports and developing problem solving skills through team challenges.

The curriculum is designed to build upon knowledge and understanding from lesson to lesson and across the years. Within KS3 practical PE students are encouraged to develop leadership and officiating skills which are a key area covered within the Cambridge National Sports Studies course. This is taught throughout practical sports to maintain engagement and build on prior knowledge of rules. Theoretical knowledge such as evaluation skills are embedded within practical PE where students are taught to identify strengths and weaknesses of their own and others performances in order to critically evaluate their performances and further improve their skills and abilities.

We are going to overcome social disadvantage by ensuring that all materials are accessible to all students – using Google Classroom etc. We will also ensure that PE specific equipment such as gum shields and shin pads are provided for underprivileged students. Extracurricular opportunities are available to all students and run both within the school day and after the normal school hours.

PE at Wykham Park Academy for KS3 provides a broad range of sports for students to experience. The KS3 curriculum is taught practically with Boys PE covering Rugby, Football, Basketball, Table Tennis, Athletics and Cricket and Girls PE covering Netball, Hockey, Gymnastics, Fitness, Badminton, Athletics and Rounders. These sports correspond directly with the district sporting events and fixtures. The curriculum equips students with the team work, leadership and problem solving skills needed across all subject areas. Evaluation skills and self/peer assessment are also embedded within the curriculum lessons which are then transferable into our vocational courses.

At GCSE, students apply their understanding to the OCR Cambridge National Sports Studies course and cover four units, Developing Sports Skills, Sports Leadership, Working in the

Sports Industry and Contemporary Issues in Sport (Exam Unit). The exam unit is taught and assessed within year 10 whereas the coursework units are taught in sequence across the two years. There are opportunities for practical elements across the course to be taught through practical PE. Students will become experts at evaluating their own and others performances. Knowledge organisers in KS3 are further developed at GCSE for students to be able to apply officiating skills both in practical and theory in order to reach higher grade boundaries.