# The PE Department at Becket Keys Church of England School



### The team

We currently have seven Physical Education teachers within the team with a wealth of experience and expertise. The team is continuing to build upon its excellent GCSE and A Level results with standards continuing to rise and demand for subject growing year on year.

The department benefits from a volunteering scheme which enables Sixth Form students to support the staff in the delivery of the extra-curricular programme. It is also well supported by colleagues from across the school with a variety of areas of expertise and



# Teaching area

The PE department benefits from a range of different teaching environments. Current facilities include, a sports hall, an astro turf, a school field (containing: athletics track, cricket pitch, two football pitches and one rugby pitch), tennis courts, the school hall and netball courts.



# Curriculum, Assessment & Student Groupings

Physical Education is taught in single sex groups, mixed ability sets, in all years. All students at Key Stage 3 experience a wide range of activities to develop their skills, tactical appreciation, fitness and social interaction. Throughout KS3 and KS4, students have 4 lessons a fortnight. All Russell Education Trust (RET) schools use the same examination board for Physical Education (AQA) to allow us to share

schemes of work (SOW), ideas and resources. Assessment plays a regular part in teaching within the Physical Education Department. Students are assessed formally and informally both in lessons and at the end of each unit. We assess students using the RET Stage Ladders which enable progress to be tracked and raised.

At KS4, Physical Education is a very popular course. We currently run two sets at GCSE (AQA) at both Year 10 and Year 11. Within KS5, we also run A Level Physical Education. Again, we follow



the AQA specification enabling our students to benefit from the continuity and exam technique developed whilst studying the GCSE at KS4. We continually strive to develop our understanding within examination PE and we work closely as a team to share and develop resources.

We are constantly reviewing resources from our respective exam boards in order to keep abreast of updates and changes – these are developed across the trust ensuring the highest standards.

## Professional Development

We take our CPD seriously, as all of us can develop our generic and subject-specific expertise. A wealth of experience within the department mean that meetings focus on sharing ideas, jointly planning lessons, moderating assessments and generally making us better at teaching a range of different sports. We benefit from book studies, learning walks, and longer observations by RET advisors and our senior team, which help us focus on what works well and where we need to adjust our practice. The RET PE network provides opportunities for Trust-wide training, and collaboration with the PE departments in the other four RET schools.



