

Physical Education at The Ridgeway

The Ridgeway has a thriving PE department which caters for all members of the community. The school enjoys excellent facilities that form a part of the Ridgeway Leisure Centre which the school runs.

This includes a 25m swimming pool, a 5 badminton court sports hall, traditional gymnasium, a well equipped fitness suite, 8 outdoor tennis courts and extensive playing fields.

As part of its curriculum, the Ridgeway offers a GCSE PE, BTEC Sport (Level2), GCSE Dance, JSLA to students in KS4, A Level PE and CSLA in the Sixth Form. These are popular courses with pupils and results exceeding national averages. In addition, students can follow the Adventure Service Challenge in Years 7 & 8 and Duke of Edinburgh in Years 9-13 with over 400 students completing awards at Bronze, Silver and Gold levels.

The Ridgeway has a School Sports Co-ordinator who works with our feeder schools and is part of the Swindon Partnership.

The Ridgeway offers many opportunities for extra-curricular sport in a huge number of activities and at all levels through its enrichment programme. It has been successful in a range of sports at District, County and National levels. This year has seen the Year 8 District 5-a-side football winners, Year 10 District Basketball winners, South West Team Cross Country Winners, South West Track and Field Finalists and two times in the last five years, National Champions of Schools Track and Field Cup.

The annual Gym & Dance Display regularly involves over 100 students and provides an opportunity for pupils to perform to a large audience.

To celebrate students' success in PE, the department holds an annual awards evening with a celebrity guest speaker, with over 70 students receiving awards.

From September 2008, we wish to introduce competitive Sixth Form sports with First and Second teams in Rugby, Football, Netball and Hockey, as well as timetabled recreation physical activity.

The post offers an exciting opportunity to take the curriculum lead of a subject area that has enjoyed considerable success and status over many years.

For September 2008, we wish to appoint a new Faculty Leader and appoint an NQT for the subject.

The department staff:-

Rachel Clarke:	Second in Dept
Tim Whiting:	Head of Outdoor Education, Youth & Sports Coaching
Mark McMeeking:	Learning Co-ordinator KS3
Dawn Blackler:	Learning Co-ordinator KS4
Adrian Matthews:	Head of House and School Enrichment Programme
Julie White:	Assistant Head Teacher
Paul Fisher:	Sports Coach/ HLTA
Hayley Meredith:	Duke of Edinburgh Co-ordinator/ HLTA
Clinton Classon:	School Sports Co-ordinator