



RIPON GRAMMAR SCHOOL PE DEPARTMENT

The PE department is staffed by two full time specialist PE teachers and five part time specialists.

At Key Stage 3 students follow courses in a variety of games including rugby, hockey, netball, badminton, basketball, cricket and rounders. Swimming, gymnastics, rock climbing and athletics are also part of the curriculum

In the First and Second year 10% of curricular time is given to PE. In the Third, Fourth and Fifth year this is reduced to 6.8%.

In Key Stage 4 students are able to opt for a games route or a combination of games and movement / aesthetic activities. Rock climbing is also included within the option blocks. In the single lessons, badminton and basketball, as well as a 'world sports' unit of work, form part of the programme of study. Swimming pool-based lessons operate in blocks of several weeks and life-saving, water polo and other water-based activities are undertaken.

Leadership, communication and organisation skills are developed and the skills acquired here can be utilised in assisting with various school clubs and with primary festivals and competitions that take place over the academic year. We deliver the OCR specification at GCSE where we follow a 2-year linear course.

At Key Stage 5, Sixth Form students select areas of particular interest and are able to join senior teams for competitive sports or to partake in sporting enrichment programmes for leisure. We deliver the OCR specification at A Level where we currently follow a 2-year linear course with students only being entered for the A Level examination.

The department has an extensive programme of extra-curricular activities. This allows further development of our curricular activities and enables students to compete in inter and intra school fixtures across the full range of sports. Inter school fixtures are extensive and are extremely successful with many students also gaining representational honours.

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