

PE and Sport Faculty

The Faculty, which boasts a supportive and hardworking staff, is a forward looking, successful and thriving part of Rainhill Media Arts College

Aims:

The aims of the faculty support the general aims of the school and we are:

- A faculty that drives understanding and appreciation of the benefits of life long exercise
- A faculty that makes pupils more analytical in the performance of themselves and others
- A faculty that understands our social responsibility to ensure that pupils know how to win and lose well with pride, dignity and humility.
- A faculty with a huge desire to make all RHS pupils more competent and technical in a range of sports and activities as well as wanting to improve decision making and tactical awareness.
- A faculty that from an early stage in Physical Education ensure pupils understanding that the practical and theoretically are intrinsically linked.

Staffing

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| Yacine Rachi | Head of Faculty |
| Michael Wood | Male PE |
| Matthew Giles | Male PE & Year Progress Leader |
| Yasmin Burgess | Female PE |
| Tanya Hunter | Female PE |
| Megan Sumner | Female PE |
| Vacancy | Male PE |
| Linsay Munro | Deputy Headteacher |
| Dan Westhead | Community Development officer |

Facilities

Facilities at the school comprise a newly decorated, fully equipped gymnasium that also houses 4 trampolines, a refurbished large sports hall containing cricket nets, 4 badminton courts and full size basketball court, and there are also areas for weights/fitness/aerobic exercise adjoining the sports hall.

Outside there is large field area which are marked out for 1 rugby pitch, 1 football pitch and a 10 lane athletics track in the summer. Adjacent to our full size, floodlit 4G astroturf we have a long jump/triple jump pit.

There is also a large tarmac playing area for netball (4 courts) and tennis (4 courts), and we have 4 permanent orienteering courses laid out around the school site.

We benefit from 2 PE specific classrooms within the PE area. These allow the theory teaching to take place within the PE/Sport area, rather than PE teachers having to find classrooms across the school. The changing facilities were update 3 years ago and include two boys changing rooms and one girls changing room

Curriculum

Students study PE at KS3 & KS4. They can also opt for PE at KS4 where both GCSE and OCR Cambridge National Sports Studies are offered. Uptake at KS4 is high.

The full range of National Curriculum areas are taught through Key Stages 3 and 4. Individual areas of expertise are taken into account when timetabling extra curricular, but staff are expected to teach all aspects of the curriculum and remain with their groups.

Currently we teach OCR Cambridge Technical in Sport in the Sixth Form, offering both Extended Certificate and Diploma courses. This has proved very popular, with over 20 students enrolled into both Y12 and Y13.

Key Stage Examination Results 2021

| 2021 Results | | No of Students | 9-1 % D*/P | 9-4% D*/M | 9-7 % D/D* |
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| PE GCSE | GCSE | 36 | 100% | 95% | 53% |
| OCR Cambridge National in Sport Studies | Voc | 22 | 100% | 91% | 55% |
| OCR Cam Tech in Sport Level 3 (New spec) | OCR | 10 | 100% | 100% | 90% |

Extra-Curricular

We are always looking to build on the extra – curricular programme provided at Rainhill High School. Activities change from the summer to the winter term and all staff are keen to be involved. Teams are entered and have been highly successful at local, regional and national level in a large number of sports including; Trampolining, netball, football, cricket, athletics, table tennis, handball, rugby, badminton, tennis and rounders. But there is always plenty on offer for those preferring a non-competitive environment. We also seek to be very inclusive in our approach. We want all students to enjoy PE to the maximum. We aim to include all students regardless of ability and new activities and initiatives are always being added to the list on offer.

Inter-house competition is also strong with whole school events such as netball, table tennis, football, rounders and Sports Day are all highlights on the school calendar.

The Duke of Edinburgh Award is available as an extra-curricular activity from year 10 onwards, with Bronze, Silver and Gold awards attracting good student numbers, this year Bronze has over 80 pupils, Silver 60 and Gold 20.

Trips and visits are arranged regularly and the faculty have been involved in organising skiing, football, netball, water sports and outdoor adventure residential experiences, as well as GCSE revision seminars. Our ski trip for 2020 had 45 pupils signed up with 5 staff supporting the trip.

Mr Yacine Rachi
Head of PE and Sport Faculty

Headteacher Note

The PE department has thrived under Mr Rachi's leadership and produced outstanding outcomes in the formal as well as the wider curriculum. Recent investment has upgraded the facilities and we will continue to seek out funding streams to develop this further.

The successful candidate will join a hardworking, ambitious and reliable team who are keen to improve even further.

Josie Thorogood
Headteacher