

## The PE Department

The Physical Education Department has, over the last few years, grown enormously, particularly with the expansion in the number of courses offered to our students. The successful candidate will join a team of six members who are supported by over twenty teaching colleagues in the fixture programmes which take place midweek and at weekends. The Department is very successful and prides itself on the quality of its teaching and its innovative approach and follows the EDEXCEL syllabus at GCSE level, the OCR syllabus at A Level and the EDEXCEL BTEC National Certificate in sport qualification.

The Department's approach to the curriculum is differentiated. The programmes on offer enable us to follow both the 'sport for all' policy and also encourage excellence within the classroom. National Curriculum requirements are integrated into the schemes of work, the core objective of which is the promotion of health and fitness. Every student is exposed to a wide variety of physical and sporting disciplines. Those displaying potential are encouraged to develop; those with talent are pushed on to the next level. A carousel operates within the core programme where the majority of students undertake a different sport every half term. The ethos of the department, and indeed the school, is one where we aim to meet the individual students' needs.

There are currently 130 students studying GCSE in years 10 and 11 and over 50 in years 12 and 13. Examinations results are consistently high and we are proud of the achievements that our students reach. All of our courses have proved to be very popular and the successful candidate will be expected to teach at GCSE and make a contribution to the post 16 courses. A keen interest in the anatomy and physiology areas of the post 16 courses we offer would be an advantage. This complements the delivery of the core PE programme at Year 9, 10 and 11. The ideal candidate should have initiative and be in sympathy with the challenges of teaching a diverse group of students, all of whom flourish.

Facilities are excellent and recent developments include a superb sports hall. The Department uses a wide range of open playing fields and a full size Astroturf for practical teaching. Complementing these, we have on site a 25 meter indoor swimming pool, fitness suite, four squash courts, six tennis courts and a five hole golf course. The Department is well resourced for the teaching of its academic courses and both the library and department is supplied with up-to-date text books.

The successful candidate will be required to be fully involved in school's co-curricula programme which includes sports coaching and a commitment to the midweek and Saturday afternoon programme. St Bede's competes against other schools in more than ten sports and enjoys a national reputation in Football, Tennis, Riding and Swimming. The School has ties with Brighton and Hove Albion Football Club, Sussex County Cricket Club and St Bede's Swim Club. St Bede's is committed to developing sporting links with the community and in March 2009 was granted the FA Focus school status, the only school in the independent sector to receive such an accolade.

A particular strength in the boys' major games would be an advantage. For the right candidate, however, there will be an opportunity for extra responsibility in Football.