



WILLIAM FARR

C of E Comprehensive School



PHYSICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

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SCHOOL VISION

Vision

William Farr (C of E) Comprehensive School's vision is to provide all members of the school community with the opportunities to engage with 'life in all its fullness' (John 10:10) through the highest quality of education, encouragement and endeavour. We are committed to striving for excellence and ensuring that all students are known, valued and can achieve.

Values

Our core values are:

Compassion Friendship Perseverance
Respect Responsibility Wisdom

Each value is associated with one of our Houses.

The students consistently attain high standards of grades, and their behaviour in lessons and around the school is exemplary - not only do they respect one another, but they have respectful and excellent relationships with all the staff.

THE PHYSICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

The department, consisting of six full-time members of staff, share the teaching responsibility across all abilities. Management of the department include a Head of Department and an Assistant Head of Department. Development work is always carried out as a whole department initiative. We maintain a reputation for an extensive programme of extra-curricular work which all staff are expected to contribute towards. All staff work on specific goals which contribute to the success of the department.

Accommodation and Resources

Indoor facilities include:

- 1 Sports hall
- 1 Gymnasium
- 1 Climbing Wall
- 2 Changing rooms

Outdoor facilities include:

- 6 Netball/Tennis courts
- 2 Basketball courts
- 3 Football pitches
- 1 Rugby pitch
- 1 Hockey pitch
- 400m running track

The department is well-resourced with equipment for physical activities and academic studies.

Within the Physical Education department at William Farr CE School we aim to provide each pupil with access to a broad and varied curriculum.

A high-quality physical education curriculum inspires all pupils to succeed and excel in competitive sport and other physically demanding activities. It should provide opportunities for pupils to become physically confident in a way which supports their health and fitness. Opportunities to compete in sport and other activities build character and help to embed values such as fairness and respect.

The curriculum for physical education aims to ensure that all pupils:

- Develop competence to excel in a broad range of physical activities
- Are physically active for sustained periods of time
- Engage in competitive sports and activities
- Lead healthy, active lives.

At Key Stage 3 the knowledge, skills and understanding of physical education are taught through: games (netball/football/rugby/basketball/hockey, badminton/cricket/rounders and tennis), gymnastics, athletics (including a four week block of cross-country) and outdoor and adventurous activities (orienteeing). Pupils' progress is continually monitored through assessments completed after each activity.

The knowledge, skills and understanding of Physical Education are taught through one lesson per week. Each student follows a personalised pathway in Key Stage 4 which allows the pupil to determine what activities they undertake. A four week unit of cross country is compulsory for all pupils. A high-quality PE curriculum enables all students to enjoy and succeed in many kinds of physical activity.

At GCSE and A level we follow the AQA syllabus.

BEYOND THE CURRICULUM

We believe extra-curricular activities play a very important role in the life of the pupil and the school. We therefore offer a variety of clubs for our students to join and enjoy. Great importance is attached to our extra-curricular provision for all abilities in a wide range of activities. Inter-House competitions in sporting activities are arranged by the department throughout the year. The school teams are very successful and compete at district, county, regional and even national level. Examples of these would include football, cricket and badminton.



ACHIEVEMENTS

In 2017-18 the PE department had great success throughout the year. Some achievements were:

- Lincoln and Gainsborough Badminton Champions KS3 boys
- Lincoln and Gainsborough Badminton Champions KS4 boys
- Lincolnshire County Badminton Champions KS3 boys
- Lincolnshire County Badminton Champions K4 boys,
- Regional finalists for KS3 and 4 boys
- Regional champions KS4 boys and runners up in KS3
- 7th in the national final for KS4 boys
- Year 7 Boys Lincoln and Gainsborough Football league champions
- Year 7 boys Lincolnshire County Football Champions
- Year 9 Boys Lincoln and Gainsborough Football league champions
- Year 10 Boys Lincoln and Gainsborough Football league champions
- Under 14 and 16 Girls Netball Lincolnshire County Finals
- Year 9/10 Girls Lincoln and Gainsborough indoor football champions
- Under 16 girls County football semi-finalists
- Cross-country – Lincoln and Gainsborough champions. Pupils represented at all levels including national championships,
- 26 pupils qualified for the Lincolnshire Cross-country Championships
- 12 pupils qualified for the Anglian Cross-country Championships
- 2 pupils ran at the English School cross-country Championships
- 30 pupils represented Lincoln and Gainsborough at the Lincolnshire Athletic Championships
- 6 pupils represented at the Anglian Championships
- 2 students going to the English Schools Championships

“William Farr Church of England Comprehensive School is one of the best schools in the country at outperforming expectations for their pupils and improving their future prospects.

There is plenty that other schools could learn from William Farr Church of England Comprehensive School’s success.”

Sue Williamson, Chief Executive of SSAT

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