



THE BISHOP'S STORTFORD HIGH SCHOOL

PHYSICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

The School has an outstanding reputation in Sport and Physical Education at a national level.

The Department of Sport and Physical Education is headed by the Subject Leader and supported by four other full time members of staff, one part-time and a sports apprentice. The department receives support from additional academic staff during the games and extra curricular programmes. The School operates a two-week timetable and each pupil receives 4 hours of PE and Games per cycle. Students in the Sixth Form enjoy the benefits of an elective Wednesday afternoon of games, with a range of sporting activities and competitive fixtures offered.

The traditionally strong profile of the department has been further enhanced through the teaching and excellent results obtained at GCSE (AQA), AS/A2 (OCR) and BTEC Sport (Pearson). The ability to teach one or all of these subjects would be desirable.

The Department excels at Rugby Union, Cricket, Cross-Country, Football and Athletics. However, Basketball, Gymnastics, Tennis, Table Tennis, Badminton, Swimming (competitive) and Netball play an invaluable part in the development of the individual. We are constantly looking to offer as many opportunities as possible both recreationally and competitively. The successful applicant will be expected to make a full commitment to all aspects of our extensive extra curricular sports programme, including weekends. Strength in a major team game such as Cricket, Football or Rugby Union will be essential.

The Department enjoys extensive facilities and coupled with good community links the sporting opportunities available to all pupils are excellent. On site facilities include a large sports hall with five badminton courts, four cricket nets and full basketball court. In addition we have a 'traditional' gymnasium, a completely refurbished strength and conditioning gym and an 8 acre sports field.

To continue the development of the Sport and Physical Education programme, the school has a well-developed thirty six acre site; with the capacity to house nine winter games pitches and three cricket pitches. A sports pavilion provides changing and hospitality for over two hundred players and parents during our weekend fixtures.

The School's reputation in competitive sports is established at a national level, with rugby union, football, cross-country and cricket leading the way. We regularly reach the last 32 stage of the previously named Daily Mail Rugby Union Cup – often the last state school in the competition and compete on a national level at football having recently won the national cup and this year reaching the last 8. The extensive sports programme includes inter school matches on Saturdays, with up to twelve rugby, football and cricket teams fielded within their respective seasons. Fixtures are played against leading state and independent schools from the south and east of England.

Pupils are also provided with opportunities to represent their house in our extensive intra school competitions.

District, County and National honours have been awarded to a number of students in a variety of sports. The school has organised many national and international sports tours. In 2008 we travelled to Grenada in the West Indies (Cricket), July 2009 for a three week Australian Rugby Union tour, a rugby tour to New Zealand in 2012, Australia in July 2015 and South Africa in July 2018. Future planned tours include cricket to Barbados and Argentina to play rugby.

Teaching at The Bishop's Stortford High School represents an outstanding opportunity for a teacher of the highest calibre with significant background in the teaching of academic PE and extra-curricular activities. The successful applicant will be a highly motivated and ambitious teacher, able to take responsibility within a dynamic and high profile department. Significant scope exists to develop ideas and interests in both P.E. and Sport.

The Governors are very keen to build upon this success and seek to appoint a member of staff who shows a commitment to a high standard and a willingness to become fully involved in the life of the school.

Please contact the Headteacher's PA, Mrs D Landers at the school if you require any further information.