

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Physical Education

**Question:** What are some of the key topics I would cover?

**Answer:** There are six main topic areas: 1. Applied anatomy and physiology · 2. Skill acquisition · 3. Sport and society · 4. Biomechanical movement · 5. Sport psychology · 6. Sport and society and the role of technology in physical activity and sport

**Question:** How many other subjects can I choose alongside this one?

**Answer:** A-Level PE accounts for one subject so you'd be looking for 2 other subjects to go with it. Common combinations would be Biology, Psychology, Business and Sociology but that is far from exclusive and we tend to get student doing PE that do a huge range of other subjects on their programme.

**Question:** What is the learning style like within this subject?

**Answer:** A variety of teaching and learning styles are utilised in PE. Wherever possible theoretical concepts are taught through practical application. Homework is set on a regular basis and often requires students to be pro-active in researching topics that are changing.

**Question:** How will I be assessed?

**Answer:** 70% Exam based on 2 Papers at the end of the two years. 30% practical grade made up of 15% practical performance (video footage from one sport) and 15% coursework analysing performance.

**Question:** What support can I access if I am struggling?

**Answer:** A range of support is provided through online resources including course notes, topic videos, exam questions and study grids. Beyond that students can access a range of workshops outside of class time to access teacher support as well as being able to contact staff through Teams or email.

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**Question:** Are there any subject specific entry requirements?

**Answer:** Yes, please refer to the prospectus [here](#) for general and subject specific entry requirements

**Question:** Are there normally any trips that I can go on?

**Answer:** We usually run a range of day trips and 1 residential a year. Day trips range from Wimbledon, The Queen Elizabeth Olympic Velodrome, Brighton University and a Water Sports Activity Day. We alternate our residential trips each year between Skiing in the French Alps and Club La Santa (Lanzarote).

**Question:** What do students who have studied this area normally do after Collyer's?

**Answer:** 80% PE students go onto University courses, many of them on to sports related courses such as Sports Science, Sports Coaching, Sports Psychology or Sports Business. 10% will take a gap year often to pursue sporting opportunities or coach in other parts of the world. 10% will go into employment or an apprenticeship, often in Personal Training or within the Leisure industry.

**Question:** What's the difference between A-Level PE and BTEC Sport?

**Answer:** There is a table below to help or you can click on this link for a helpful course decider – [A-level PE or BTEC Sport?](#)

A-level PE	BTEC sport
Exam assessed. 2 exams at the end of 2 years. 70% of overall mark.	Up to 70% coursework assessment. Exam assessment mixture of controlled assessment & online tests
15% of marks available for practical performance assessment in 1 sport only.	No marks available for practical performance assessment.
Single course, so it would be 1 of your 3 subject choices.	Single, double, or triple courses available, so would be 2 of your 3 subject choices or your full study programme if you choose the national diploma.
More emphasis on scientific aspects of sport.	Greater range of areas covered e.g. sports development, coaching...