

BEAMINSTER SCHOOL



The Physical Education Department

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Dear Colleague

Thank you very much for your interest in this post, and we hope that the information provided encourages you to make a formal application.

Should you have any further questions, or would like to come and visit the school, please contact the Office Manager, Mrs Nicola Chalkley: NChalkley@beaminster.dorset.sch.uk or 01308 862633.

We can offer you the rare opportunity of working in a small, rural, vibrant school community, situated in a delightful part of Dorset close to the Jurassic Coast, a World Heritage site.

The physical education team consists of 3 full time teachers and one part-time teacher. We welcome trainee teachers from Exeter University every year, have close links with local colleges and provide regular work experience. All teaching staff are also required to act as a form tutor.

We are very fortunate to have a wealth of high-quality sporting facilities on site. These include extensive playing fields, tennis courts and floodlit courts, a 3 court Sports Hall, Fitness Suite and synthetic turf 3G pitch with a community programme. Our woodland area is being developed as a Forest School and our horticultural space is starting to take shape.

These are exciting and dynamic times in education and we have used the opportunities of the new curriculum to raise the importance of physical activity, health and wellbeing across the school.

At Key Stage 3, students receive 5 hours per fortnight in Years 7 and 8, and then 4 hours in Year 9. Currently, they cover rugby, netball, cross-country, gymnastics, basketball, table-tennis, badminton, football, athletics, cricket, rounders, tennis and softball.

At Key Stage 4, students have 3 hours per fortnight and cover a range of fitness activities and games.

Successful inter-house competitions are run throughout the year.

The department shares Sixth Form teaching with the Sir John Colfox Academy in Bridport and staff from both sites work closely together on the planning and delivery of Sixth Form courses. Students travel between the sites as required but staff teach only at their base school.

We currently deliver BTEC Sport and A Level PE across the two sites.

The department has well developed links with our feeder primary schools. We host cross-country races and various multi-event competitions throughout the year. In recent years we have participated in GCSE events run by Bath University, Dorset Sports Leaders, and we offer the Duke of Edinburgh Award at both Bronze and Silver levels.

We look forward to receiving your completed application and thank you, in advance, for what we know is a time-consuming process.