Faculty Standards and Quality Report Session 2020-21

# Faculty Aims

The Physical Education department are a passionate and hardworking team who encourage all pupils to realise and achieve their full potential. Through participating in a broad range of activities and sporting contexts, we aim to develop physically literate pupils who are able to recognise their successes and plan their next steps in an ongoing cycle of improvement. Pupils will gain knowledge of and develop their physical fitness and competencies, personal qualities and cognitive skills. The Physical Education department have three main aims:

1. Develop physically literate pupils who can transfer key skills across subjects within their school studies.
2. Gain an understanding of sport, physical activity and an appreciation of these within different sporting cultures as well as our own Scottish Sporting heritage and customs.
3. For every pupil to achieve success and gain access to opportunities which promote lifelong participation in physical activity and sport.

# Successes and achievement

**2022 SQA exam diet**

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| **Level** | **Pupils****presented** | **As** | **Bs** | **Cs** | **A-C** |
| **N5** | **34** | **76%** | **21%** | **3%** | **100%** |
| **H** | **32** | **41%** | **53%** | **6%** | **100%** |
| **AH** | **18** | **83%** | **11%** | **6%** | **100%** |

# BGE and Wider Faculty

* Leadership opportunities for pupils including:
* Competition Organising Training
* I Can Lead
* Sports Leader Awards
* Personal Achievement Award
* Interhouse and inter-school competitions

# What are our next steps

Over the coming year some of our key areas for development are:

* Implementation of S1-3 Broad General Education (BGE) tracking and pupil self-assessment programme.
* Continue to develop excellence in our pedagogy and daily practice.
* Continue to develop our BGE and senior phase courses to meet the needs of all our learners.
* Further enhance our use of IT, Microsoft Teams and OneNote in order to provide more opportunities for our pupils to achieve success.

# Work and Life of the Faculty

# We are a dedicated group of professionals who are committed to ensuring all of our pupils achieve their full potential. In order to do this, we are continually refining our courses based on feedback from SQA, colleagues in both our and other authorities, and most importantly, our pupils. Within the senior phase we offer pupils various opportunities to achieve success ranging from; practical assessments taking place out of school, extra-curricular activities to further enhance skills as well as study support. Like many other establishments, we have also developed our use of Microsoft Teams in order to enhance our curricular provision both in the classroom and out with.

# Our staff work hard to provide a variety of opportunities for pupils by offering extra-curricular activities and regular interhouse school competitions. We have also begun to re-establish our inter-school competition calendar and hope to continue making progress with this during the following school year. Finally, pupils have multiple opportunities to develop leadership skills through undertaking various qualifications and awards which would not be possible without our fantastic Active Schools team. Due to the hard work from the Active Schools team and the department we achieved a Gold School Sports award in 2020 and aim to maintain this in the next review.

# Vision and Leadership

# Our vision is to engage our learners with a differentiated, challenging and coherent curriculum, encouraging pupils to take responsibility for their own learning. We place particular emphasis on pupils fully applying themselves, working to the best of their ability and recognising their own individual progress and success. We believe this helps to foster a positive motivational climate which encourages a growth mind set. This empowers our students and allows them to identify their next steps for success and, as stated earlier, take ownership of their own learning.

# Throughout S1-6 we aim to maximise the variety of opportunities we offer to our learners, such as various leadership awards and qualifications which are available throughout the different year groups. This also includes utilising core Physical Education lessons for performance skills assessments at various levels, further enhancing the awards and qualifications that our pupils achieve. Finally, our staff are an experienced team who have gained a depth of knowledge and experience from SQA marking at various levels. This has allowed the Physical Education department to provide high quality teaching and learning, feedback and assessments to maximise our learners’ potential.