

## **PHYSICAL EDUCATION AT SETTLE COLLEGE**

This is the opportunity for a suitable candidate to join a team of 4 forward-thinking, innovative specialists as we expand to meet the needs of teaching Key Stage 3.

It is a very exciting time for the PE department as we will gain new facilities and equipment as the school makes the transition from a three tier to a two tier system. The department will receive new changing facilities, extended teaching space, and a fitness suite which will impact positively on our BTEC and Core PE students.

We are currently planning our 7 & 8 curriculum with the chief aim of generating competent performers and independent learners. Emphasis will be placed on fundamental skills that all students can develop as they progress through the school.

We currently operate within a 'stage not age' curriculum that offers BTEC Level 2 Sport and also Dance to students in Y9, 10 & 11. These courses are option subjects, and are completed over a one year period in mixed ability classes. From September 2012 the changes to BTEC qualification are implemented nationwide; in the Sport the new syllabus plans to test students externally and internally, whilst the Dance will be externally moderated on one unit.

We continue to offer the Level 3 BTEC Diploma in Sport at KS5; this is a popular course that is proving a successful vehicle for students to achieve and progress. This course offers a wide range of content, from sports development to physiology and anatomy. There is also an emphasis on leadership opportunities in and out of lessons. This is something we are continuing to develop, aiming to utilise students in extra-curricular activities and events.

As a small department we are very passionate about creating opportunities for all students to achieve and participate, especially in extra-curricular activities. Inter and intra school sport is highly valued within the school and department, supported by an extensive programme of activities; core games include football, netball and rugby, to dance and fitness clubs such as Triathlon. We are keen to maintain but also develop this when we gain Y7 and 8 students. As a department we are well balanced with the sporting strengths, but are currently seeking to fill the increased demand of the boy's extra-curricular programme. Rugby is an area of particular focus, with Settle College having a history of great success with girl's rugby at national standard. Maintaining this participation and competitive route for such a wide range of students and further development in the future is a key focus.

We are an enthusiastic department that embraces new ideas and initiatives, and are always willing to move on as a team with the shared vision of being outstanding. We welcome committed, passionate, and strong individuals.