

Year 8 PE - Core

The Year 8 programme of study is an inclusive spiral curriculum where learning takes place through a range of team and individual games as well as performance based activities on a rotation (based around facilities). All activities build on prior learning from Year 7 and challenge students to develop skills and gain new knowledge, applying them in increasingly competitive situations.

| Methods of deepening and securing knowledge: | | | |
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| Retrieval practice | Regular retrieval tasks are used at the start of lessons to support students in recalling key information such as rules and tier 3 | | |
| | words from previous learning in Year 7 and Year 8. | | |
| Spaced practice | Some retrieval tasks are spaced over time to support students in recognising links/key learning between two or more activities | | |
| | e.g. similar rules in team games, similarities in techniques and tactics across activities. | | |
| Dual coding | Dual coding techniques used for some activities to help students remember key shapes (e.g. balances in gymnastics) and sign | | |
| | (e.g. umpiring signals in cricket). | | |

| Activity | Year 8 | | Assessment | | | |
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| Football | - Passing and receiving (both feet over increasing distance) - Keeping possession - Dribbling and turning - 1v1 attack - Jockeying and tackling | Creating space and using width Shooting with laces Basic GK skills (receiving and kicking from hands) Basic A/M/D positions Rules e.g. fouls and free kicks 6v6/7v7 games on small pitches | Perform skills and apply rules in small-sided games (teacher) Learning journal (self) Year 8 Football knowledge quiz | | | |
| Handball | - Catching (sideways) and signalling - Passing (side wrist) - Dribbling into space - Blocking - Shooting (on the move) | Basic GK skills (positioning and blocking) More rules e.g. 3 secs, free pass, GK rules Attacking and defending as a team in small-sided games | Perform skills and apply rules in games (teacher) Learning journal (self) Year 8 Handball knowledge quiz | | | |

| Hockey | Receiving on the move (meeting the ball) Passing (slap) Dribbling (open and reverse stick) Turning (out of contact/into space) | Shadowing and tackling 3v1 attack Basic shooting (placement) Basic A/M/D positions Rules e.g. fouls (e.g. feet, stick tackle) and free passess 5v5/6v6 games on small pitches | Perform skills and apply rules in small-sided games (teacher) Learning journal (self) Year 8 Hockey knowledge quiz |
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| Netball | Footwork and pivoting Catching on the move Passing around the court (overhead) Dodging (double, sprint) Man-to-man marking | Shooting (varied angle/distance) Rules e.g. fouls and free/penalty passes Positions and areas of the court in full 7-a-side games | Perform skills and apply rules in games (teacher) Learning journal (self) Year 8 Netball knowledge quiz |
| Rugby | Catching on the move Passing (long and pop) Lines of running with the ball and timing the pass Tackling (side and rear) | Basic rucking 1v1 (body position)Basic kicking (punt/grubber)Rules e.g. tackling rules, ruckingUp to 9v9 on small pitches | Perform skills and apply rules in games (teacher)Learning journal (self)Year 8 Rugby knowledge quiz |
| Badminton | Serving (high, forehand)Playing to space on the court (front/back/width)Positioning on a singles court | Drop shot (forehand) Overhead clear (forehand) Rules e.g. singles serving rules, double hit Half/full court singles games | Perform skills and apply rules in doubles games (teacher/peer) Learning journal (self) Year 8 Badminton knowledge quiz |
| Fitness | Fitness tests for: - Coordination (wall toss test) - Reaction time (ruler drop test) - Balance (standing stork test) - Muscular endurance (sit up/press up tests) - Flexibility (sit and reach test) | Power (vertical jump test) Strength (hand grip dynamometer test) Speed (30m sprint test) Agility (Illinois agility test) Cardiovascular endurance (MSFT/Cooper's run) Interpreting data, displaying results and SMART goal setting | Fitness test results (teacher/self) Learning journal (self) Year 8 Fitness knowledge quiz |

| Gymnastics | - Balances using points with fewer contacts (arabesque, headstand, handstand) - Matching and mirroring - Pairs/trios balances - Unison and canon | Counter tension and counter balance Developing pairs/trios sequences using different direction, speeds and levels Adapt sequences using floor and apparatus e.g. bench, high box | - Pairs/trios performance of a gymnastics sequence using floor/apparatus (teacher/peer) - Learning journal (self) - Year 8 Gymnastics knowledge quiz |
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| Athletics | - More advanced sprint techniques e.g. sprint start, bend running (200m/300m) - Pacing for longer distances (1500m) - Long jump (full run up) - Triple jump (3-step approach) | High jump (Fosbury flop) Shot (glide technique) Javelin (3/5 -step approach) Discus (standing throw) Relay changeovers (moving) Performance in competitions | Performance and time/distance results in competition (teacher) Learning journal (self) Year 8 Athletics knowledge quiz |
| Cricket | - Catching (high/low balls) - Overarm throwing (distance) - Ground fielding (close)/retrieving on the move - Batting (back foot defence) - Bowling (walk/run up, line) | Running between the wickets Laws e.g. umpiring signals for scoring, no balls, wides Basic fielding positions and tactics in a small-sided games (pairs 8-a-side, non-stop cricket) | Perform skills and apply rules in small-sided games (teacher) Learning journal (self) Year 8 Cricket knowledge quiz |
| Rounders | - Catching (high/low balls) - Overarm throwing (distance) - Ground fielding (close)/retrieving on the move - Bowling (height) | - Batting (power) - Rules e.g. no balls, backward hit - Basic fielding positions in games (9-a-side) | Perform skills and apply rules in small-sided games (teacher) Learning journal (self) Year 8 Rounders knowledge quiz |

Independent Learning:

Independent learning in PE is a core part of learning and supports Year 8 students in building their knowledge, performance and self-evaluation skills from Year 7. There are typically 4 types of Independent learning set in PE: 1) Retrieval activities to help Year 8 students learn key information from their knowledge organiser; 2) Knowledge assessments in the form of Google Classroom quizzes; 3) Learning journal Independent learning where students complete a self-evaluation to reflect on their performance and set targets; 4) Reading-based Independent learning that help students to learn rules and/or raise awareness of current issues (1 per half-term).