

	Physical Education
Exam Board	AQA
Course Entry Criteria	6 in GCSE Physical Education plus evidence of practical performance
Essential skills	To achieve highly in Physical Education, you need to be strong in both the practical and theoretical components of the course. Standard entry requirements and the division of marks are clearly weighted in favour of the theoretical components of the course (70% 2 theory examinations, 15% written coursework and 15% practical). Therefore, this course is most suitable to those with a strong theoretical background. Being good at a particular sport alone will not bring about success. You also need to be committed to training and competing regularly at a club outside of school hours.
A-Level	There are three components to this course:  Component 1: Factors affecting participation in physical activity and sport  What's assessed  Section A: Applied anatomy and physiology Section B: Skill acquisition Section C: Sport and society  How it's assessed  Written exam: 2 hours (105 marks) 35% of A-level  Component 2: Factors affecting optimal performance in physical activity and sport  What's assessed  Section A: Exercise physiology and biomechanics
	Section B: Sport psychology Section C: Sport and society and technology in sport  How it's assessed Written exam: 2 hours (105 marks) 35% of A-level Component 3: Non-exam assessment: Practical performance in physical activity and sport What's assessed Students assessed as a performer or coach in the full sided version of one activity. Plus: written/verbal analysis of performance. How it's assessed Internal assessment, external moderation (90 marks) 30% of A-level
Related courses and careers	Physiotherapy, Sports Science, Sports Journalism, Sports Therapy, Sports Psychology, Nutrition, Sociology, Sports Coaching, Physical Education Teaching, Armed Forces, Emergency Services, Leisure & Tourism Industry, Sports Development.
Other Details	Please note when applying to study Physical Education you will be required to meet with the department to assess your suitability for the course. This will involve a review of your practical performance (evidence required) and discussion of your commitment to your sport outside of school. Applicants must provide video footage of a range of core skills in isolation/drill situations (which can be found in the AQA specification) as well as a full competitive situation in a sport they would like to be assessed in for their A Level practical element.  Filmed evidence should be accompanied by a commentary wherever possible, outlining any
	identifying information (e.g., bib letter/number) and some brief information about the match, level of opponent or competition context.  Footage should be sent to: Mrs S Hawkey by email shawkey1@townleygrammar.org.uk