



DAUNTSEY ACADEMY PRIMARY CASE STUDY

PH Sports Partnership transforms Physical Education, School Sport and Physical Activity at Dauntsey Academy Primary School.

Dauntsey Academy Primary School (DAPS) is a warm and welcoming school nestled in the picturesque village of West Lavington. DAPS is a vibrant learning setting where over 190 children benefit from a curriculum and ethos that helps to create them to be lifelong learners, who have a thirst for knowledge and aspirations to be the best they can be.

The importance of embedding physical activity into school life at DAPS has been high up on the agenda for Philippa Winbolt since becoming Head Teacher in 2015. DAPS partnered with PH Sports in 2018 to provide PE and School Sport.



“The importance of our young learners staying physically active and enjoying physical education benefits them so much more than just their overall health and wellbeing. An engaging and inspiring physical activity road map embedded into school life and PE lessons taught by skilled PE educators and teaching staff improves students’ academic achievements, mental health and develops leadership and communication skills”

Philippa quickly realised after being appointed Head Teacher that sustainable improvements in the quality and provision of PE, school sport and physical activity needed to be made throughout the whole school.

- There was a need to embed the benefits of physical activity throughout the whole school
- Increase the confidence, knowledge and skills of all staff in teaching and supporting PE and the ability to free up teaching staff time for PPA
- Improve the engagement and participation of students in PE lessons – ensuring all students looked forward to every lesson
- Ensure that all students had access to a diverse range of sporting activities and were encouraged to learn new and challenging skills
- Inspire students to take part in competitive sport and clubs
- Make sure all students understood the importance of being physically active and the positive impact it has on their overall health and wellbeing
- Develop transferable skills through sport such as communication, leadership and confidence

In order to achieve these goals Philippa decided to look for an experienced PE and school sport specialist to partner with. And after a long and thorough process PH Sports were appointed.

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"It was important that we selected a partner who was not only skilled enough to deliver on our goals and expectations but be able to work in collaboration with the entire school to raise the standards of physical education, school sport and physical activity at DAPS. Since partnering with PH Sports, I can confidently say that they have exceeded all expectations, implemented positive change and achieved all the goals and targets set"

The partnership with PH Sports has empowered Dauntsey Academy Primary School to overcome these challenges and create a sustainable, engaging and enriching physical education experience for every student:

- PH Sports have helped us embed a positive culture for physical activity throughout the entire school – all children now learn transferable skills in PE lessons that can be used throughout the whole school day and are encouraged by teachers and PE educators to enjoy the benefits of physical activity and movement not just in PE lessons but in planned lesson times, break times, competitions and after school clubs
- Their experienced PE Educators really immerse themselves into the school culture and feel like another member of the DAPS team- always communicating with the wider team effectively
- They are able to work in collaboration with teaching staff and have been instrumental in helping develop and execute a broad, balanced, progressive and fully integrated curriculum. Teaching staff feel much more confident in delivering a session a week of PE thanks to observing the PH Sports Educators and their supportive input
- Having skilled PE Educators means that all teaching staff take their PPA time at the same time every week. This has allowed them to work more collaboratively, share good practice and any teaching ideas- it has had such a positive impact on the quality of teaching overall
- The quality of teaching from the PH Sports Educators is exceptional from planning, delivery and right through to assessments and impact reports. They create clear, structured and progressive challenges for all students and lessons are planned and delivered to engage and develop the whole child. They focus on much more than just physical skills and really help grow their transferable skills such as leadership, teamwork and communication
- The children at DAPS now experience a diverse range of sporting activities in PE lessons from more traditional sports such as hockey, football and netball to less conventional activities like Maypole Dancing and Frisbee. All students are encouraged to take part in competitions and clubs where the PH Sport Educators continue to develop their passion for physical activity and sport - some children have even gone on to play for top sporting clubs such a Bristol Rovers
- The children always look forward to attending PE lessons and teaching staff regularly report children making excellent progress. This has been seen in their positive attitudes, their excitement for PE lessons and their overall love for sport and physical activity



"As a Head Teacher I feel a huge moral responsibility to get children really inspired and excited about being physically active. I want skilled PE Educators who are truly passionate about sport and help support this culture and vision at DAPS. I also want my teaching staff to feel confident that their students are getting taught a high-quality PE curriculum and feel supported in every aspect of physical education and sport. Partnering with PH Sports for the past six years has exceeded all of our expectations and aspirations at DAPS and we look forward to working with them for many more years to come"

Philippa Winbolt, Headteacher, Dauntsey Academy Primary School



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