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14 July 2022

Dear Sophie,

afPE Quality Mark for Physical Education, School Sport and Physical Activity - Distinction

Thank you for your application for the Quality Mark award.

The assessment panel has considered your application, together with the feedback from the validation, and afPE is delighted to award your school the **Quality Mark with Distinction** for '**demonstrating outstanding commitment to improvement in Physical Education, School Sport and Physical Activity**'.

Your award is valid for three years, commencing July 2022.

The validator has highlighted the following reasons for the award:

Quality of teaching

- Lesson observations by SLT and HOD identify that teaching is good or outstanding
- Planning is excellent and produced by all teaching staff. There is a joint understanding of what should be taught as part of high-quality PE. Teaching is moderated and relevant CPD is delivered both internally and accessing external courses. Outcome Assessment is accurate and realistic with pupils understanding what they need to do to improve
- All pupils at KS3 access one theory PE lesson a week and show that they understand the importance of the relevant theory behind the practice in PE. Staff and pupils commented on how well it prepared them for their KS4 PE courses
- Pupils commented on how they enjoyed the subject and participation is high with expectations that all pupils take part in active lessons.

Curriculum provision

- A wide, varied and balanced curriculum is well planned and delivered at both KS3 and KS4 that enable all pupils to access a range of activities that are suitable to their needs
- Where appropriate, new activities are introduced and assessed to identify impact on pupils learning
- Extensive and high-quality PE facilities are well used and support the range of activities provided
- A wide range and targeted extra-curricular programme is in place with the emphasis being on improving participation. Key groups are targeted and activities are arranged and delivered to encourage pupils to participate.
- The use of IT in lessons is developing but already enhances learning. Pupils commented on how the use of video enabled them to improve their skills.

Leadership and management

- The DOL and HOD are led by a knowledgeable and outstanding Headteacher ensures that PE and Sport are key to the school curriculum and will be put forward as such in the imminent Ofsted Inspection.
- The schools recently formed Sports Strategy embeds the principles that PE and Sport are key in the transformation of pupils and the community. The Business manager and DOL led by the HT were instrumental in writing the strategy
- The HOD has extensive subject knowledge and has a clear vision of how the subject should be led. She has spent a number of years in the school and understand the needs of her pupils and is well supported by a knowledgeable department

Your validator has identified the following additional areas for development:

- N/A

You will receive an engraved plaque and your school will also be listed on the afPE Quality Mark webpage. In addition, the Association will submit a report to the Department for Education (DfE) which will include details of the successful applicants. There is always a possibility that a representative from the DfE or Sport England may wish to visit your school.

On behalf of the Association, I would like to offer you our congratulations.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sue Wilkinson" with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Sue Wilkinson MBE
afPE Chief Executive Officer