



## MIDDLE SCHOOL PE HANDBOOK 2023-24



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## TASIS England Mission Statement



The School's purpose is to realize its core values. We believe that: every learner has the gift of innate curiosity that we can nurture into life-long learning; all our learners can develop the ability and confidence to flourish and become who they truly are; and building a vibrant, joyful, and healthy community of principled, open-minded, and compassionate individuals is why TASIS exists.

### COMMITMENTS

We realize our values through our passion as educators and the following commitments:

We promote **multiple pathways** for each learner throughout our school environment, our programs, and our community.

Our commitment to nurturing **intellectual curiosity** prepares each learner for the opportunities and challenges of the future.

We encourage continuous personal **growth** through active **engagement** and desire to seek and learn from experiences. Through a balance of support and challenge, students flourish as creative, reflective, and resilient owners of their learning.

We foster **connections and collaboration** in our community of learners by cultivating supportive relationships and celebrating the unique contributions of each member.

### OUTCOMES

The outcomes of a TASIS England education were articulated over many decades through the vision of the School's charismatic founder, Mary Crist Fleming.

**Life-long Learning** cultivates curiosity, exploration, and discovery, emboldening individuals to embrace a culture of learning and celebrate the journey of continuous development toward personal fulfillment.

**International-mindedness** promotes the exploration, communication, and celebration of diversity. Being curious and open-minded to the richness of perspective within our global community creates a desire to flourish through action and service.

**Service Leadership** fosters empathetic, compassionate, and principled individuals who take responsibility for sustaining healthy relationships with themselves, their families, their communities, and their environment.



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Welcome to Physical Education,

The aim of PE is to provide all students with an opportunity to learn within a balanced program in which they are encouraged to further develop their application and understanding of movement skills, sportsmanship, collaboration/teamwork, and sports leadership.

Students will cover six main units throughout the year. Within each unit we will look at integrating health topics through the concepts of:

- Net Games
- Invasion Games
- Personal Fitness
- Striking and Fielding
- Movement Concepts (Parkour)
- Creative Movement (Dance)

Further details of units can be found on your child's PE LMS page which is accessed through the Parent portal.

Students will be given the opportunity throughout the various units to nurture their curiosity and discover and learn about the key concepts that aim to build upon previous knowledge and skills. Each of these skills are transferable into other PE units and also classroom-based subjects. They also help each student to strengthen not only their own individual experiences, but to encourage students to identify the positive connections that arise from shared and/or group experiences. An example of this is how communication can affect individual and team success.

Students will be emboldened to undertake a variety of learning/teaching roles within lessons, providing opportunities to gain further knowledge and/or to develop skills in areas such as peer coaching, refereeing, lesson review and reflection. These additional learning experiences allow students to play their part within a positive learning environment. This will provide each student with the opportunity to develop as a principled, open minded, and compassionate member of our community. Students are given the best possible chance to flourish within PE when they are encouraged to take risks, learn from mistakes, and ultimately develop a lifelong passion for physical activity and a healthy lifestyle.

### **Where will the lessons be?**

PE lessons will either be in the Large Gym, Small Gym, on Gym Field 2, or the Fitness Centre. It's advised that students bring suitable clothing and footwear to all lessons in case of inclement weather resulting in a location change on the day of the lesson.

### **What to wear?**

On PE days, students are required to wear their PE uniform to school.



### **Middle School PE Uniforms:**

All students are required to wear school-designated clothing for PE classes. These are available from [The Student Centre](#).



**Indoor wear:** House shirt, PE shorts or leggings, PE tracksuit bottoms, socks, and athletic footwear with non-marking soles, school jumper or the navy TASIS PE ¼ zip over their House t-shirt. No hooded items are acceptable for PE due to health and safety reasons.

**Outdoor wear:** As above but with the addition of a pair of **astro shoes** or **moulded cleats** for use in wet weather. The PE uniform must be purchased from the school supplier. A jacket/coat without a hood is advised in colder weather along with extra layers to maintain warmth and comfort.



### **Assessments**

Students are assessed on four criteria. Each criteria is worth 25% of each unit/quarter grade. The criteria are:

1. Physical performance
2. Knowledge and understanding
3. Health and wellbeing
4. Sports leadership

Please click on the grade level to view the assessment rubric:

[Grade 5 and 6](#)

## Grade 7 and 8

### **Grading and reporting:**

Unlike other subjects, PE does not have letter grades or percentages. On the LMS gradebook, parents and students see numbers that link to the criteria listed above. This system indicates if a student is failing to engage (1), progressing (PG), achieving (AH) or exceeding (ED) for each of the 4 criteria. Student reflections are used as a part of the reports to highlight their learning and understanding of their continued development. Each reporting period, students and parents will see their individual criteria grade based on a 1-4 scale on LMS gradebook plus an overall grade with ED, AH or PG on their end report.

### **How do the numbers work?**

- 4: Exceeding (ED)
- 3: Achieving (AH)
- 2: Progressing (PG)
- 1: Failure to engage ( \* )

### **Effort marks:**

Each quarter, each student receives effort marks alongside their PE criteria grades. These effort marks are:

- 1- Outstanding
- 2- Good
- 3- Satisfactory
- 4- Poor
- 5- Unsatisfactory

### **Homework:**

On occasions, students in grade 7 and 8 will receive some pre/post lesson reading to assist in their learning of key concepts and understanding of content directly linked to the unit being covered. This will be set on Google Classroom.

### **Health and safety:**

#### **Jewellery:**

All jewellery and watches, including fitness trackers must be removed for all lessons.

#### **Piercings:**

All earrings and other piercings must be removed before PE. Taping is not allowed for health and safety reasons. It is advised that all new piercings are done over long school breaks to allow them to heal.

Should you have any questions regarding this or new piercings then please contact Mr Mat Jones directly ([mjones@tasisengland.org](mailto:mjones@tasisengland.org)).

#### **Footwear:**

As with any activity, footwear and clothing must be considered and be deemed appropriate. ALL participants must wear items of clothing and footwear which are fit for purpose. Clean, non marking trainers for indoors and astros or moulded cleats for outside. Slip on trainers or fashion trainers such as Converse are not acceptable due to the lack of support. For Parkour, students will be mainly barefoot.

#### **Hair:**

Long hair must always be tied back with a suitably soft item to prevent entanglement in apparatus

and to prevent vision being obscured.

**Nails:**

Nails must be sufficiently short to prevent injury to self and others. Acrylic nails must not be worn at any time.

**Non participation/injured students:**

Students are expected to take part in all lessons. If a student is injured or unable to take part physically, they must have a note from a parent/guardian and/or from the TASIS Health Center. If this is the case, students will be given alternative roles within the lessons for the duration of their recovery so they are still engaged and involved with the class. Non participation in PE will also result in non-participation in sports teams and/or co-curricular activities on the days students miss PE lessons.

**First aid/concussion:**

If a student gets injured while in class, they will be sent/escorted to the Health Centre to get checked out. In case of a face/head injury, they will be removed from the activity immediately and escorted to the Health Centre. Students that sustain a concussion will have to complete the [Gradual Return to Play Protocol](#).

Should you have any questions, please contact Mr. Jones directly.

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