

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Rochdale
sixth form
college

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DO I NEED TO BE GOOD AT SPORT/PLAY A SPORT TO DO A-LEVEL PE?

Sporting ability will help you in your A-level, but it is not essential. Practical assessment makes up 15% of your A-level grade, so we do recommend that you are playing sport at club level to make sure that you are developing as a performer and have sufficient opportunities to gather video evidence over your two-year course. There are exceptions and not everyone who has completed PE has played at a club, as there are opportunities to showcase your ability at college and there is an option to assess you as a coach.

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DO I NEED TO HAVE DONE PE AT GCSE TO DO IT A-LEVEL PE?

No, you do not need to have studied PE at GCSE to successfully study it at A-level. This will not inhibit any progress. We have had plenty of students leave college with As and A*s who have not studied GCSE PE.

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HOW OFTEN ARE WE ASSESSED IN PE?

As per the college's assessment policy, we assess students formally every third week as a minimum. You have more major internal assessments in January and summer during your first year, and in January during your second year. Your terminal, external assessments are in summer during your second year.

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WHAT PERCENTAGE OF PE IS COURSEWORK?

30%. 15% is written and – as outlined above – 15% is practical.

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DO WE DO PRACTICAL LESSONS?

No, there are no practical lessons in PE. We do, however, under normal circumstances, have netball and football sports teams that students can play for.

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WHAT SUBJECTS WORK WELL WITH PE?

A frequently asked question with no real answer. This is all dependent on your preferred career route for once you leave Rochdale Sixth Form College.

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WHAT CAREERS CAN I DO WITH AN A-LEVEL IN PE?

Previous students have left us to pursue careers/education in the following: Physiotherapy, Sports and exercise science, Strength and conditioning, Medicine, Dentistry, Sports rehabilitation, Nutrition and dietetics, Sports coaching