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Sport at Oundle

Sport is part and parcel of daily life at Oundle and we are determined that every pupil leaves School with a positive experience of sport, developing a lifelong interest in a sporting activity that will foster good health habits into adulthood.

Our ambition is to nurture a sporting culture where all strive industriously and some excel; where individuals can pursue minority sport interests alongside mainstream competition, and where the most talented are challenged to reach their potential.

The Sports and PE Departments consist of 10 full-time members of staff alongside 3 specialist PE teachers, with support from a team of Resident Assistant Sports Coaches and a broad range of specialist support coaches. With a full programme of over 20+ sports involving all pupils three times a week (Years 7-8 Monday, Wednesday, Saturday; Years 9-13 Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday), some pupils also train at other times with their team in addition to individual training programmes. We also provide development opportunities through our 13+ and 16+ Sports Scholarships, offering extra support to all those who show the necessary potential, ambition and dedication.

The sporting offer focuses around the School's strengths and include Rugby, Hockey, and Cricket in Boys' Sport and Hockey, Netball, Cricket and Tennis in Girls' Sport. Opportunities for all are a fundamental part of the School's sporting philosophy. Over twenty sports are offered throughout the academic year. Within the PE curriculum for years 7, 8 and 9, the focus is upon athletic development and sampling a variety of different games and activities not specifically delivered through the sports programme.

The School has invested considerably in its sporting infrastructure as part of a wider Sports Masterplan and is very fortunate to have outstanding sporting facilities. These include two sports halls, a recently installed tartan athletics track, 10 grass rugby pitches, four Astroturf hockey pitches, 20 netball courts, 9 cricket squares, 20 outdoor cricket nets, 16 hard surface tennis courts, 32 Astroturf tennis courts, 8 football pitches, 5 squash courts, 4 fives courts, 2 boat houses for rowing on the river Nene, a sailing fleet and a superbly equipped performance gym.

Sports Centre

Opened in September 2020, the new Oundle School Sports Centre showcases a 50-metre swimming pool, an eight court sports hall with an adaptable playing space for a range of sports, a 70-station fitness suite, a dedicated dance studio, and three further multi-purpose studios.

Rugby at Oundle

The School believes that as many pupils as possible should have an opportunity to represent the School at rugby during the Michaelmas Term. To this end Oundle turns out five regular 6th Form teams, three U16 teams, four U15 teams and as many as six U14 teams, giving every pupil a sense of pride in playing for a team. Oundle plays a large and extensive fixture list including Radley, Oakham, Haileybury, Rugby and Uppingham, as well as entering the RFU Schools Cup and Natwest Cup. In the Lent Term, there is both the age group 7s programmes and developing 6th Form girls programme. Pre-season training and summer overseas tours also form part of the overall rugby schedule. The School also has links to both Northampton Saints and Leicester Tigers with players engaged on both academy pathways. Sports Scholarships are available at both 13+ and 16+ entry.