

Preparing for A-level PE 2024

Threshold concepts




If you require any support with this work you must contact Mr Powell

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The following tasks have been divided to replicate the way that the AQA A-Level PE course (course code: 7582) is assessed and delivered.

The PE department have created a list of what you can read or watch prior to undertaking A-Level PE. There is no expectation to read/watch them all but they will help you to gain a better understanding about some of the content covered on this course at De Lisle.






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A LEVEL PHYSICAL EDUCATION

WHAT CAN I WATCH OR READ TO EXTEND MY KNOWLEDGE, UNDERSTANDING AND APPLICATION?

TICK THE BOX IF YOU HAVE WATCHED OR READ...

Resource	Netflix	Prime Video	YouTube	Read
The English Game (Sport and Society)				
Unstoppable (Sport Psychology)				
Icarus (Drugs/Performance)				
Stop at Nothing (Doping in Sport)				
Coach Carter (Sport Psychology)				
The Game Changers (Diet and Nutrition)				
Super Size Me (Diet and Nutrition)				
Blindside (American Football)				
Last Chance U (American Football)				
The Last Dance (Michael Jordan)				
Losers (Adversity in Sport)				
Moneyball				
Formula 1 Drive to Survive				
All or Nothing (Manchester City)				
All or Nothing (New Zealand All Blacks)				
This is Football				
4 Minute Mile				
The Program (Lance Armstrong)				
Andy Murray – Resurfacing (Injury Rehabilitation)				
Dan Carter – Perfect 10				
The Unknown Runner				
The Race to Dope (Doping System in Sport)				
Muscle and Medals				
Subscribe to the Body Coach (Joe Wicks) (Types of Training/Nutrition)				
Kobe Bryant Black Mamba Doc				
Being Serena Series				
"Is Professionalism Killing Sport" BBC Documentary				
The Psychology of a Winner 2020 Documentary				
Trent Alexander Arnold Living the Dream				
Tyson Fury Road to Redemption				
Crossing The Line Australian Cricket				
Jurgen Klopp Journey to Top				
Strive for Greatness Lebron James				

Shoe Dog – Phil Knight
History/Story of Nike

Bounce – Matthew Syed
Neuroscience/Psychology

Black box thinking
Matthew Syed Psychology

Unbeatable – Jessica Ennis

No Limits – Michael Phelps

My Time – Bradley Wiggins

Between the lines – Victoria Pendleton

Legacy – James Kerr
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Keep up to date with all the latest news in the world of sport; there is always something happening that links to the course...

Sky Sports News,
Internet (BBC) and
Twitter...Follow



There are 3 sections taught in Year 12

- Section A – Applied Anatomy and Physiology
- Section B – Skill acquisition
- Section C – Sport and Society

The below tasks will help best prepare you for the start of this course at De Lisle College.

Threshold Concept	Description	Task title	Completed?	Date
1	Label the diagram of the heart and answer the questions	Section A – Applied Anatomy and Physiology Topic area 1: The Cardiovascular System		
2	Familiarise yourself with the definitions of skill classification and place sporting actions in the correct place on the continuums	Section B – Skill acquisition Topic area 1: Skill characteristics and their impact on transfer and practice		
3	Gain a better understanding about pre-industrial Britain, the class system and how sport was played in the 1850s	Section C – Sport and Society Pre-Industrial Britain – what do you know?		

Threshold concept 1

Section A – Applied Anatomy and Physiology

Topic area 1: The Cardiovascular System

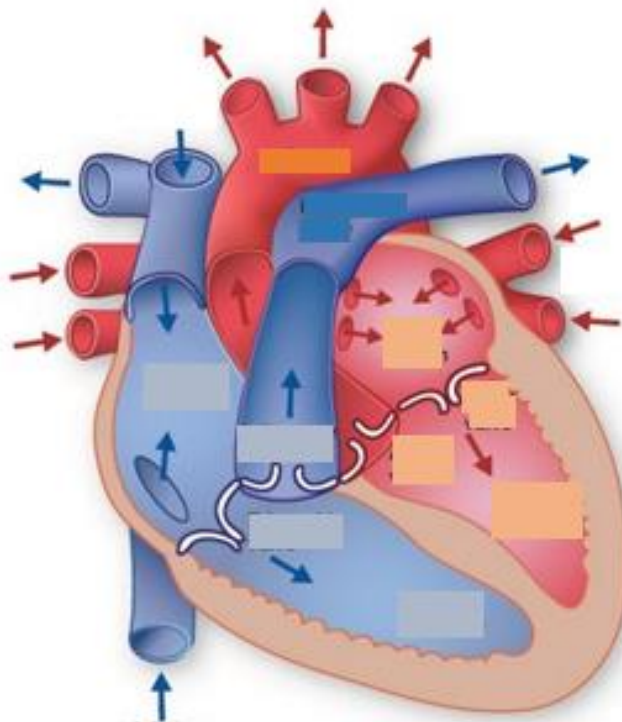
Task – Label the heart below using the correct terms

Structure of the Heart

Task:

Label the following

- Right Atrium
- Left Atrium
- Right Ventricle
- Left Ventricle
 - Vena Cava
 - Aorta
- Pulmonary Vein
- Pulmonary Artery
- Valve (x4)



Can you answer the following questions?

1. What are the 4 chambers of the heart?
2. Which chambers are larger? Why?
3. Which side of the heart myocardium is larger? Why?
4. What are the 4 main blood vessels that enter and leave the heart, and where is blood being carried?
5. What are valves and what is their role in the movement of blood in the heart?

Cardiac conduction system

This is a group of specialised cells located in the wall of the heart which send electrical impulses to the cardiac muscle, causing it to contract.

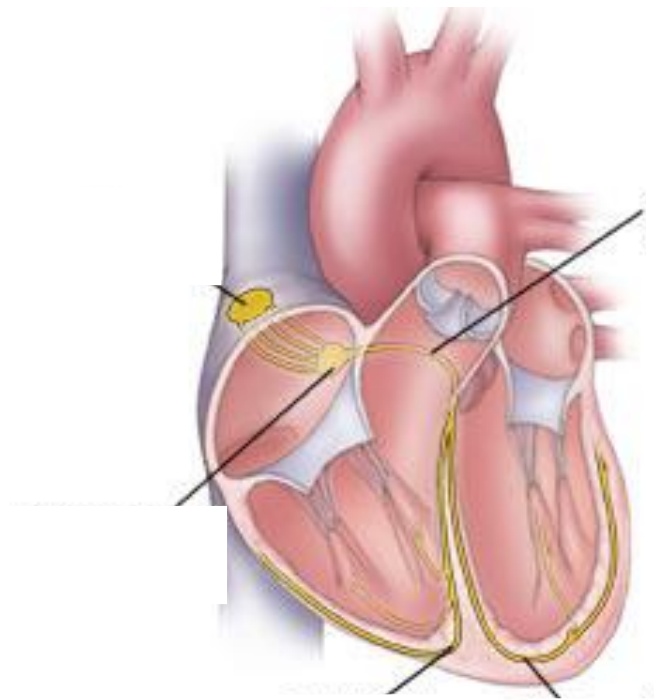
Rearrange the following words to show the correct order that the impulse travels in:

AV node Ventricular systole SAN (Sinoatrial node) Atrial Systole
Bundle of his Purkinje Fibres

The correct order

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

Label the conduction system – use the above 6 terms



1. A hurdler going over a hurdle at speed
2. A spin bowler upon moment of releasing the ball
3. A performer releasing an arrow in archery

OPEN SKILLS

- AFFECTED BY ENVIRONMENT
- MAINLY PERCEPTUAL
- MOVEMENTS NEED ADAPTING
- EXTERNALLY PACED
- NO CLEAR END OR START

CLOSED SKILLS

- NOT AFFECTED BY ENVIRONMENT
- PREDOMINANTLY HABITUAL
- SET MOVEMENTS

Open

Closed

ENVIRONMENTAL INFLUENCES CONTINUUM

Where would you place the following on this continuum?

1. Penalty kick in football
2. Shot putter performing in the shot put
3. Rugby tackle being completed

DISCRETE

CLEAR BEGINNING AND END

SKILLS CAN BE REPEATED BUT
PERFORMER MUST START
AGAIN

SINGLE SPECIFIC SKILL

SERIAL

SEVERAL DISCRETE ELEMENTS

PUT TOGETHER INTO A
SEQUENCE

THE ORDER OF THE ELEMENTS
ARE IMPORTANT

CONTINUOUS

NO OBVIOUS BEGINNING OR END

CONTINUES FOR AS LONG AS PERFORMER
WISHES

THE END OF ONE CYCLE IS THE
BEGINNING OF THE NEXT

NO CLEAR SUB ROUTINES

Discrete

Serial

Continuous

CONTINUITY CONTINUUM

Where would you place the following on this continuum?

1. A tennis player completing a serve
2. A trampolinist performing a routine
3. A cross country running competing in a race

SELF PACED SKILLS

- THE PERFORMER CONTROLS THE SPEED AT WHICH THE SKILL IS CARRIED OUT
- THE PERFORMER DECIDES HOW THE SKILL WILL BE CARRIED OUT (PRO ACTION)

EXTERNALLY PACED SKILLS

- PERFORMER HAS NO CONTROL OVER RATE AT WHICH SKILL IS CARRIED OUT
- REQUIRES REACTION BY THE PERFORMER.

Self - paced

Externally paced

PACING CONTINUUM

Where would you place the following on this continuum?

1. A conversion in rugby
2. A sailor competing in the World Sailing Championship event
3. Basketball shooting a 3 point shot in a game of basketball

SIMPLE SKILLS

- LIMITED AMOUNT OF INFORMATION TO PROCESS
- SMALL COGNITIVE ELEMENT
- EASIER TO FOCUS ON THE TASK UNTIL IT IS COMPLETED

COMPLEX SKILLS

- LOTS OF INFORMATION TO BE PROCESSED
- CONCENTRATION NEEDED
- NUMEROUS VARIABLES
- LARGE COGNITIVE ELEMENT

SIMPLE

COMPLEX

COMPLEXITY CONTINUUM

Where would you place the following on this continuum?

1. A forward roll in gymnastics
2. Receiving a pass under pressure in netball
3. Tennis backhand whilst on the move

LOW ORGANISED SKILLS

- CAN BE BROKEN DOWN INTO PARTS OR SUBROUTINES
- THESE PARTS CAN BE IDENTIFIED AS INDEPENDENT ACTIONS
- EACH PART CAN BE TAUGHT SEPERATELY

HIGHLY ORGANISED SKILLS

- HARD TO BREAK DOWN AS IT IS FAST AND BALLISTIC IN ITS ACTION
- THE PARTS THAT MAKE UP THE TASK ARE INTEGRATED CLOSELY IN THE ACTION

LOW ORGANISED

HIGHLY ORGANISED

ORGANISATIONAL CONTINUUM

Where would you place the following on this continuum?

1. Swimming front crawl

2. Hitting a driver of a tee in golf

3. Shooting a basketball free throw

Task - Can you classify the following skills using the classification system?

Circle the most likely answer for each of the classifications

1) Taking a penalty in football

Organisational: Low organised/Highly organised

Complexity: Simple/Complex

Continuity: Discrete/Serial/Continuous

Environmental: Open/Closed

Muscular involvement: Gross/Fine

2) Waiting on the starting blocks for a 50m backstroke race

Organisational: Low organised/Highly organised

Complexity: Simple/Complex

Continuity: Discrete/Serial/Continuous

Environmental: Open/Closed

Muscular involvement: Gross/Fine

3) Dribbling past an opponent in hockey

Organisational: Low organised/Highly organised

Complexity: Simple/Complex

Continuity: Discrete/Serial/Continuous

Environmental: Open/Closed

Muscular involvement: Gross/Fine

3) Completing a chest pass in netball

Organisational: Low organised/Highly organised

Complexity: Simple/Complex

Continuity: Discrete/Serial/Continuous

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Threshold concept 3

Section C – Sport and Society

Topic area 1: Emergence of the globalisation of sport in the twenty-first century

Task: Look at the images below and write down what each image represents in relation to pre-industrial life (pre 1780) – **the first one has been done for you.**

Communication was limited – no email or phone lines available



What do you already know about Pre-Industrial Life? (Pre – 1780)



Transport was limited

Widespread illiteracy – lower class

Lived in countryside

Class division

limited free time: long working hours

Upper class lived in luxury

Lower class had cruel or violent existence

Popular Recreation

Popular recreation is described as the sport and pastimes of people in pre-industrial Britain.

Mob football was deemed popular recreation; can you list some characteristics of this?

1)

2)

3)

4)

5)

6)

7)

8)

9)

Watch this video to help you to understand more about pre-industrial Britain.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hIVqhj9d4Os> – video length 15 mins.

Video notes – Sport, Society and Culture pre-1850/pre-industrial Britain

Answer the following questions on pre-industrial Britain

- 1) Name the 2 classes of people
- 2) Who were deemed working class people?
- 3) Who were deemed upper/class?
- 4) Who would normally participate in mob games?
- 5) Who would normally participate in real tennis?
- 6) List some characteristics of mob games
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- 7) List some characteristics of games played by the upper class
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