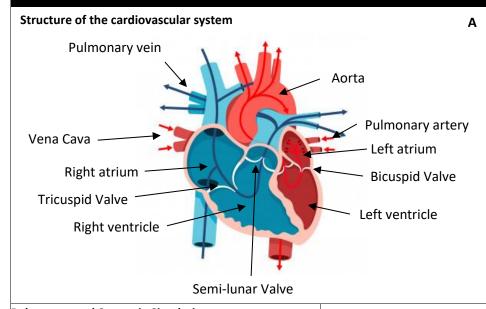
## GCSE PHYSICAL EDUCATION – THE STRUCTURE AND FUNCTIONS OF THE CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEM



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Vascular Shunting

Blood flow increased to working muscle groups

Vasoconstriction / Vasodilation

Vasoconstriction - NARROWING

Vasodilation - EXPANDING

# Pulmonary and Systemic Circulation Pulmonary Circulation:

 Deoxygenated blood travels from the heart to the lungs to become oxygenated and travels back to heart.

## **Systemic Circulation:**

 Oxygenated blood travels from the heart to the body where it becomes deoxygenated before travelling back to the heart

### **Blood vessels**

Arteries	Veins	Capillaries
<ol> <li>Away from the heart</li> <li>Oxygenated blood (except pulmonary artery)</li> <li>Thick/elastic walls</li> <li>High pressure</li> <li>Small lumen</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Back to the heart</li> <li>Deoxygenated blood (except pulmonary vein)</li> <li>Thin walls + larger lumen</li> <li>Lower pressure</li> <li>Valves (to stop back flow)</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>In the tissue</li> <li>Site of gaseous exchange</li> <li>Very thin walls to allow diffusion</li> </ol>

# **Components of Blood**

### Red blood cells

Carry oxygen from the lungs to the working muscles + Removes CO2. **Haemoglobin** binds the oxygen

#### White blood cells

Are part of the immune system and **fight disease** and infection.

### Platelets & Plasma

Platelets **clot blood** and form a scab around the site of injury. Plasma is the **liquid/fluid** part of blood that allows it

to flow.

## **Key Terms**

Heart Rate: The amount the heart beats within a minute

**Stroke Volume:** The amount of blood pumped out of the left ventricle in **one** beat

**Cardiac Output:** The amount of blood pumped out of the heart **each minute.** HR X SV = CO

All increase during exercise to ensure more oxygen is delivered to the working muscles.