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Dear Parents and Carers

Re: GCSE PE Practical Assessment

I am writing to you regarding your child's GCSE PE practical assessment.

As communicated since the start of the GCSE course to your child, it is vital that they provide video evidence for the three activities that has been chosen for them. Please see below the requirements for the footage:

- **INTRODUCTION**

Full name and candidate number displayed at the beginning.

- **PLAYER-CAM** Show the student (where possible) playing in a competitive situation showing as many of the core and advance skills laid out in the OCR criteria (see below for link). This should be continuous footage. If a **TEAM** sport then the footage should be 8-10 minutes long and should be a wide enough angle to show the game, and if an **INDIVIDUAL** sport then the duration of the performance.

Please ensure the camera follows your child throughout the video footage (even if they are not involved in play). It is important that your child is viewed in situations that allow them to demonstrate decision making and tactical awareness.

- **ISOLATED SKILLS**

All core and advanced skills that your child did not get an opportunity to show in the player cam footage then need to be shown. This can be done in one of two ways - it is essential that each skill is performed a number of times to show consistency.

1. In other competitive game situations over a number of different games/competitions edited together (this is the best preferred way as it shows the student in a competitive situation).
2. Skill in isolation at a training session/own session.

Each section of the video needs to be named - this can be done by adding a caption or the student announcing the skill they are about to perform.



All video evidence must be submitted to the PE department by **Wednesday 18 December 2024**, but I would strongly advise to get your son/daughter to seek advice/help/feedback from myself or their teacher much earlier to confirm the footage is acceptable, as after this date no changes will be able to be made which could affect their practical grade.

Please see the below link for OCR's criteria for each sport:

<https://www.ocr.org.uk/Images/234827-guide-to-non-exam-assessment.pdf>

In addition to this it is a requirement for them to keep a competitive log of their participation in competitive situations/games/competitions. There should be separate log for each of their sports. This has been shared with your son/daughter and this is an ongoing document up to their final practical assessment next year in March 2025. A copy of this log is attached to this letter and can also be found in the resources drive for our subject.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me on phallahan@st-martins.essex.sch.uk

Yours sincerely

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