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Dear Parents and Carers

Re: GCSE PE

With just over six months until our practical examination, I wanted to take this opportunity to remind both parents and students of the importance of attending extra-curricular clubs, to help boost their skills and confidence in their sport and ultimately their examination grade. We have a large range of extra-curricular clubs available both at lunch time and after school, and there are many local clubs offering both training and match opportunities. At this stage of the GCSE PE course, all students are aware of their three sports which they will be assessed in and the assessment criteria (resources are available on the I Drive, which detail the full requirements for each sporting activity and how they are assessed for each sport).

For each of their sports, students are assessed out of 20 marks. There are four areas in which the students are assessed and a "best fit" grade is awarded. The four areas are:

1. Range of Skills
2. Quality of Skills
3. Physical Attributes
4. Decision Making

The practical aspect combined with the written coursework is worth 40% of your child's overall grade, so it is vital that the time is dedicated to this, to help achieve the maximum marks possible.

In December, students will have a mock practical examination, in addition to their two mock examination papers. The written examinations are worth 60% of your child's overall grade, so again, time must be devoted to the written aspect. We have made good progress with the theory course syllabus and currently students are working through section four (there are five sections in total). To further help students with the theory aspect, I will be offering lunch time revision sessions again which will start after October half term on a Wednesday lunch time. Mr Garrard is also offering revision sessions after school on a Thursday, which all students can attend.

I would just like to thank you for your support, and hope that this final year proves to be a very happy and successful one for all.

Yours sincerely

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Director of KS3