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Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 11 GCSE Physical Education

As we enter the second half of this term in Year 11, I would like to thank you for your continued support in helping your child to adjust back to school life at Ripley. Many pupils have made a very positive start to GCSE PE with a desire to do well and, as a cohort, we have made good progress in our catch up curriculum after the extended period of absence. I would like to take this opportunity to update you on where pupils are currently in the GCSE PE course, provide you with an overview of the changes for GCSE PE 2021 and explain what it means for your child.

Overview of Changes for OCR GCSE (9-1) PE 2021

Pupils will sit two papers: **J587/01 Physical Factors Affecting Performance** and **J587/02 Socio-cultural issues and Sport Psychology**. These are each worth 60 marks and 30% of the overall grade.

J587 Practical Performance remains at 40%, however there are some changes to how this will be calculated. Ofqual have confirmed students can undertake **two** activities rather than three from the choices below:

- two individual activities or
- two team activities or
- one individual activity and one team activity

These two activities will continue to be worth 40 marks each (weighted to 60 marks) and account for 30% of the overall grade.

The Analysing and Evaluating Performance (AEP) task is worth 10%.

Filmed video evidence and competitive opportunities

For summer 2021, filmed evidence will be used to moderate students' performances. Given the national lockdown and restrictions regarding competitive sport, this has understandably limited many practical opportunities and caused some anxiety amongst pupils. This situation represents the picture for GCSE PE pupils nationally. However, there are a number of revised conditions by OCR for the collection of filmed evidence by centres and the situation remains positive for Ripley pupils.

In studying the course over three years, we are on-track with course content despite the absence from school due to lockdown.

The practical aspect of the course remains an on-going assessment process for 'on-site' activities in which pupils' skills are assessed in isolation, small sided-games and full competitive situations. We are continuing to do this within our PE lessons. Whilst students

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have missed some opportunities in Year 10 and 11, they will have a number of performances from Year 9 and Year 10 which should be reflected in their competition logs.

Within NGB guidance, we will continue to provide practical opportunities for pupils as part of their on-going assessment and film these where required. Any pupils with existing filmed video evidence should hand this to Mr Quarry as soon as possible. All '*off site*' activities **must** be accompanied by video evidence.

A competition log for both activities is required; these were started in Year 9 and continued through to March in Year 10. Those choosing summer sports such as athletics and cricket will not have any competitive performances from Year 10 but should have some from Year 9. These competition logs will act as further supporting evidence towards their final practical mark and it is important that pupils have completed these to date as comprehensively as possible, and they will be required to hand these in. We will be organising filmed competitive opportunities within lessons for all '*on-site*' activities where required.

Analysing and Evaluating Performance (AEP)

This half term, pupils will be completing their AEP task, the controlled assessment aspect of the course. There are 14 hours allocated to this Practical Performance component which is worth 10% of their overall grade. Pupils are able to do research independently but must complete the write-up in school, using their personal exam account login area.

We are aware that some pupils may be absent from lessons on occasions but we will ensure that all pupils receive the time allocated for the task. For this reason, there will be no homework tasks relating to course content set for the time being, and pupils will be encouraged to use the time to research aspects of the AEP in order to be able to write up their findings in the computer room.

There will be no GCSE PE mock paper during the assessment fortnight but pupils looking for additional revision resources can log onto www.TheEverLearner.com where there are topics, videos, practice tests and test yourself sections to aid learning. Should pupils be absent from school, they will find the work that they need on the Blended Learning Section of the Physical Education subject area on Firefly.

I hope the above gives you and your child some reassurance. I will update you if there are any further changes. Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions, please contact me via Parentline.

Yours faithfully,

Mr J Quarry
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