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Dear Parents

The new specification for GCSE was introduced this academic year and has brought about national volatility in pupil progress due to the increased demand of subject content and the depth knowledge and skills required by pupils to achieve well.

Following assessment of both pupils skills and their knowledge and understanding of the theory content so far, we have evaluated whether pupils studying the course will achieve in line with their expected target grades and it is forecasted that all pupils will underachieve if we remain with this qualification. We have carefully considered another equivalent qualification (OCR Nationals in Sport Science, Level 2) and compared the subject requirements in this qualification to the GCSE and whether they better match our pupils skills. We are convinced that the OCR National qualification will serve all our year 10 pupils better and allow them to achieve their full potential and beyond. We therefore propose to change the qualification that your child is studying in PE to OCR National Sport Science (Level 2) as from 6th November 2017. For further information about this qualification, please follow the link below:

<http://www.ocr.org.uk/Images/82069-summary-brochure.pdf>

There is some overlap between some of the content in both qualification which means that the subject content that pupils have studied so far this year is relevant to the new qualification.

We have checked with 6th form colleges that the OCR National Sport Science qualification will allow pupils to go on to study PE and Sport courses at college. This qualification also allows progression to Sport and PE degrees at University.

If you have any concerns or questions about this, please contact me on the school number.

Yours sincerely

Mr M Sharrock

Head of Physical Education

