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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: GCSE PE Practical Options

Students have made a positive start to the GCSE PE course this term. They have been focusing on topics in Health, Performance and Sports Psychology.

We have dedicated one hour per fortnight to exploring the assessment requirements of the practical exam element. As you are aware; 30% of the final grade will be awarded following the assessment of their practical performance, in three chosen sports. These must be selected from a predetermined list combining both team and individual activities. Students may select 2 x team and 1 x individual sport OR 1 x team and 2 x individual sports. I hope that they have discussed these choices with you at home.

We wish to highlight the importance of students committing themselves to their chosen sports to ensure that they are able to perform to a high level, demonstrating a strong tactical and competitive awareness. In the final assessment, each sport will be worth 25 marks (75 marks in total). To give context, (based on this year's grade boundaries) if a student gains 15 out of 25 marks in each of their sports, it could reduce their overall grade by up to 2 full grade boundaries.

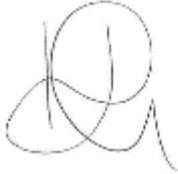
Moving forward, we encourage your child to commit their free time to joining sports clubs in their chosen activities to ensure that they are in the best possible position in Year 11. We are looking to provide further curricular and extra-curricular opportunities to enhance students' participation and performance. Further details of this provision will be shared next term.

In January, Year 10 students will sit their first set of mock exams. For GCSE PE this will be an academic paper and a practical assessment. The practical assessment will give the students a broader understanding of the assessment expectations and a focus point for their sport specific training moving forward. The mock assessment will target their most mainstream sports on the day.

Using this [link](#) to the course specification you will be able to fully explore the list of activities, the associated expectations and how marks are awarded.

If you have any questions or require additional support regarding your child's practical assessment preparations, please do not hesitate to contact myself on hginger@magna-aspirations.org or Ms Follina on cfollina@magna-aspirations.org at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely



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