

9th January 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

RE: GCSE PE PRACTICAL GRADES

As we are getting nearer to exam season we really want to ensure your son/daughter has the best opportunity of achieving the highest grade possible to them. To ensure that this happens we are running **compulsory practical exams** over the next three Mondays. They will take place during PD lessons. These exams will allow us to assess all students together and ensure we are entering students in the best combination of activities for them.

In order to be assessed practically a student requires 3 different practical grades:

- 1 grade must be in an individual sport/activity (e.g. athletics)
- 1 grade must be in a team sport/activity (e.g. netball)
- The third grade can then be either individual or team

Attached to this letter is a list of when these practical exams will take place. We work with students to determine the best combination of sports/activities for them but our judgement as teachers helps us to ensure the best combination is carried forward. We require that all students are assessed in the following areas to ensure we have grades for everyone:

- Athletics (already assessed)
- Badminton (can be in singles as an individual/doubles as a team activity)
- Basketball
- Table tennis (can be in singles as an individual/doubles as a team activity)

We have already spoken to students about being assessed in other activities that they may play outside of school (e.g. Rugby, Lawn Tennis) and will contact parents very soon about assessment in these areas.

Lastly, it is really important to understand that grades awarded during these internal exams will not be a students' final grade. We have a moderator visit (usually during the first two weeks after the Easter holiday) in which students are examined in their three sports/activities. Once our moderator has been in contact with us and sorted a date for practical examination we will be in touch with parents to let them know.

Yours sincerely

Mr J Croucher
Director of Sport