

20 March 2024

**Dear Families** 

## GCSE PE External Practical Moderation – Wednesday 27 March 2024

Your son/daughter will be involved in their external GCSE PE Practical Moderation on **Wednesday 27 March 2024**. The activities to be moderated are Netball, Swimming, Dance, and Rock Climbing This is a vital element of their GCSE course because their practical performances will count for 40% of their final GCSE PE grade. Not all students will be required on the day due to the activities chosen; however, quite a few students are required to assist with the netball. All students who have been selected for moderation have been informed and they will know what they are required to do.

All students involved must arrive in the sports hall changing rooms at the following times; depending on the activity they are involved in:

Netball - 9.30am to 12.00pm in the sports hall. Dance, Swimming, and Rock climbing - 12.20pm in P13 to meet the moderator.

Kit must be absolutely immaculate, all jewellery must be removed and long hair must be tied back. Netball students must wear either their blue shorts/skort or navy blue leggings with their GCSE PE tops, white socks, and white or bright trainers.

The students will be involved in assessments from 9.30am through to approximately 12.00pm and once students have finished their particular assessment they will be able to return to their normal lessons.

This will be physically taxing for the students and we ask that you ensure they prepare properly for their assessment by having plenty of sleep in the days leading up to the moderation as well as high carbohydrate foods, including a good breakfast on the day of moderation. Students must ensure they have plenty of water and sports drinks with them, as well as food to keep energy levels high throughout the assessment period.

Attendance to the moderation is compulsory, as any absence would lead to a mark of zero. If your son/daughter has a particularly severe injury, they must have a doctor's note detailing the reasons for non-participation as this is an external assessment. If your son/daughter is unwell on the day of moderation then once again they must have a medical note to back up their absence.

Within the department we will be running the following practice sessions, which will be vital for moderation:

**Wednesday 20 March** - All students who are involved in rock climbing will be climbing at Sand Farm in East Grinstead with Mr deSouza and Mrs Richards from 4pm - 6pm (approximately).

**Thursday 21 March** - All students involved in the swimming assessments will attend Ardingly swimming pool leaving school at 8.20am and returning at approximately 10.45am.















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**Thursday 21 March** - All students who are involved in rock climbing will be climbing at K2 leisure centre in Crawley with Mr deSouza and Mrs Richards from 1.00pm to 4.30pm (approximately).

**Friday 22 March** - The 2 students being assessed in dance will attend an assessment during periods 1 and 2 in P01.

**Monday 25 March** - All students involved in the netball moderation will attend an after school practice session in the sports hall from 3.00pm - 4.30pm.

Please could you ensure they have the appropriate kit for these sessions and if for any reason they are unable to attend then please let us know as soon as possible.

If there are any other queries please contact the PE department on **01342 410140** or email **Irichards@sackvilleschool.org.uk**.

Yours sincerely

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