



14 March 2025

Dear Families

GCSE PE External Practical Moderation 2025

Your child will be involved in their external GCSE PE Practical Moderation on **Wednesday 26 March 2025**. The activities to be moderated are **Netball, Football and Rock Climbing**. This is a vital element of their GCSE course because their practical performances, plus written coursework, 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 and the football, even if they are not being moderated themselves. 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 at the sports hall changing rooms at the following times depending on the activity they are involved in:

Netball – 10.00am to 1.00pm in the sports hall

Football – 9.00am to 12.00pm on the field

Rock climbing - 1.15pm in C03 to meet the moderator

Kit must be absolutely immaculate, all jewellery must be removed and long hair must be tied back. For netball students must wear either their blue shorts/skort or navy blue leggings with their GCSE PE tops or PE tops, white socks and white or bright trainers. All nails will be checked too and must not be longer than the fingertip length.

For football students must wear football socks, shin pads and boots. They will need their navy PE shorts and GCSE PE top or PE top.

The students will be involved in practical assessments from 9.00am through to approximately 1.00pm, however 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 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 child 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 child 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 a successful moderation and they will help the students to feel confident in what they are going to do on the day.

The sessions are as follows:

Tuesday 18 March - All students involved in the **netball** moderation to attend an after school practice session in the sports hall from **3.00pm - 4.30pm**

Wednesday 19 March - All students who are involved in **rock climbing** will be climbing at Sand Farm in East Grinstead with Mr DeSouza & Mrs Richards from **12.40pm to 4.30pm** (approximately)

Wednesday 19 March - All students involved in **football** to attend a training session to practice drills for moderation from **3.00pm - 4.30pm**

Monday 24 March - All students involved in the **netball** moderation to attend an after school practice match in the sports hall from **3.00pm - 4.30pm**

Tuesday 25 March - All students involved in **netball** to attend a practice match in the sports hall **3.00pm - 4.30pm**

Tuesday 25 March - All students involved in **football** to attend a practice match on the field **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 or email lrichards@sackvilleschool.org.uk.

Yours sincerely

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