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Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to inform you that we have made the decision to change the courses that we are delivering at KS4 due to the changes that have occurred with BTEC courses. We are now enrolling all students on the AQA GCSE PE course as we will no longer be running the BTEC course. This is due to the stringent changes that are now taking place within BTEC, which we feel will have a significant impact upon the attainment of our students. Work can no longer be marked and improved within BTEC and is simply submitted once, which we feel will not allow students to access the higher grades. Work that is not passed on the first attempt can no longer be re-taken, which may result in some students not completing the course.

This is a decision that we have deliberated over for quite some time and we genuinely feel that this is the most suitable option for our students and are positive that they can all achieve very well. We have developed practical options to allow students to access higher grades within their coursework and feel that with effort and dedication all students should be able to enter the written exam with an excellent coursework (practical) grade.

The theory content is very similar to the BTEC course and we will tailor this to suit individual needs. The time allocated to practical and theory lessons remains the same and students will still be expected to attend extra curricular activities in order to extend their grades. The practical coursework equates to 60% of the final grade along with a written exam which is worth 40% of the final grade. Many other schools within the area have taken a similar approach and we look forward to everyone experiencing success within GCSE PE.

If you have any queries regarding these changes then please do not hesitate to contact the PE department.

Yours sincerely

Mrs L Richards  
**Leader of Girls PE**

