## **Yr11 GCSE Bulletin**

Dear Parents/Guardians/Carers,

Welcome back to the GCSE Physical Education course! The students have started the year well and we hope this will continue throughout Year 11.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please contact the class teacher:

• Mr Megarrell – cme@phs.cheshire.sch.uk

This term...

## **Practical**

Currently we are working on Badminton for practical lessons. Students have been reminded about if they are doing externally marked practical activities. Students need to be competing in their main sports throughout Year 11 and gaining video evidence of certain activities. Video evidence needs to be handed into their subject teachers before the Year 11 mock examinations. If students are being assessed in skiing and are going away during February 2020 we can extend the deadline to meet this need but it must be submitted ASAP on return.

Students need to be participating in sport/activities regularly outside of lesson/school time to assist them in gaining the best practical scores possible. Please contact us if you require any information/assistance with local clubs details, etc. We are working closely with our cluster schools (Sandbach & Congleton) to ensure that practical marks are accurate. We are also hoping to organising a mock practical moderation day for the students to help prepare them for the actual moderation day. We will provide more details of this closer to the time and only if it affects your child.

To support your child through the practical assessment you can look at the specification for each sport on the OCR website (<a href="http://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/gcse-physical-education-j587-from-2016/">http://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/gcse-physical-education-j587-from-2016/</a> - click 'guide to non-examined assessment – on the contents page click on 'Skills criteria for practical activities – 'Team' and all sports are listed from this point). If you need more guidance please contact us.

## **Theory lessons**

In theory lessons we are covering cardiovascular & respiratory systems. As always home learning is set on Google Classroom. If your child cannot access it or cannot complete it for any reason please contact us.

We have begun the 'coursework' element to the GCSE PE course where students are spending one lesson a fortnight on it. This task, Analysing & Evaluating Performance (AEP), combines with the students' practical marks, making up their Non-Examined Assessment (NEA) mark. It is worth approximately 10% but can have a huge effect on their overall NEA mark.

Please also find the link to the examination board website (OCR) below:

http://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/gcse-physical-education-j587-from-2016/ (the link goes through to the PE GCSE page – the main documents are the 'specification' and 'guide to non-examined assessment').

Please feel free to contact us if you have any queries regarding any matters related to the GCSE PE course or beyond!

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