

17th October 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

Y9 Qualification change

I am writing to inform you of the proposed change to your son/daughter's qualification in Physical Education. Nationally, and across the Outwood Academy Trust of Schools, GCSE PE cohorts have underperformed since the reform of the specification in 2016. Exam performance has been the main barrier to accessing the higher grades but part of the reason is also that coursework and practical grades have been moderated down, with very little guidance and support from exam boards of how to improve. Students' grades have therefore not reflected what they're capable of achieving.

It would be unjust to continue with a qualification in which they are unable to fulfil their academic potential. I am therefore proposing the change of qualification from GCSE PE to Cambridge National Sports Science effective November 4th. The difference between the two courses is detailed below:

Edexcel GCSE PE	Weighting
Component 1 (Exam)	30%
Component 2 (Exam)	30%
Practical	30%
Coursework	10%

Cambridge National Sports Science	Weighting
Mandatory units	
R041 Reducing the risk of sports injuries	25%
R042 Applying principles of training	25%
Optional units	
RO43 The body's response to physical activity	25%
R045 Sports nutrition	25%
R046 Technology in sport	25%

There is the possibility of completing the GCSE PE course in Year 11 if the IAG process and curriculum time permits. If you would like to discuss this further or to arrange a meeting please email me at m.jepps@shafton.outwood.com or make contact via main reception on the phone number above.

Yours faithfully,



Mike Jepps
Head of PE