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Dear Parent / Carer

Level 2 Certificate in Health and Fitness

As part of the school's ongoing Raising Attainment Plan we have had a focus on each qualification that students are working towards. As you know your child is currently studying GCSE PE, which was offered as an additional extra option for their GCSEs.

Through consultation with other local schools we have decided for our Year 10 students to switch from the Edexcel GCSE PE course to the VCERT Level 2 Certificate in Health and Fitness. The Level 2 certificate is equivalent to achieving GCSEs. The VCERT course is very similar to the GCSE in terms of the theory content that students need to know. However, the main difference is how they are assessed for their grade.

There are no practical assessments on the VCERT and some of the harder content such as biomechanics on the GCSE course will not need to be taught. We feel very strongly that this course will be more suitable and will improve your child's chances of achieving a good final outcome in PE.

Students will need to produce portfolios for three units which can be done in lessons and through homework. The fourth unit is an exam which is externally assessed.

Having a Level 2 VCERT instead of a GCSE in PE will not affect your child's chances of attending further education. Those who achieve this qualification could progress onto further Level 3 qualifications or an A Level in PE. The changes will take effect immediately and students have already nearly finished Unit 1. Should you wish to discuss any of this further then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

Mr T Baxter
Subject Leader (PE and Creative)

