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Dear Parent/Carers,

## Year 9 into 10 options - exam board change for Sport

Further to the Year 9 into 10 options process, I am writing to let you know that we have decided to change the exam board for one of our subjects.

At the time of your child selecting their options, we offered four sporting qualifications: GCSE PE, BTEC Sport, GCSE Dance and BTEC Dance. Since doing so, the Department for Education has made the decision not to re-accredit the BTEC Sport qualification. As such, we will not be offering Sandringham students this qualification going forward.

Instead, we have chosen the **OCR Cambridge National Qualification in Sport Science**. As you may know OCR is one of the UK's key exam boards alongside Edexcel (Pearson) and AQA and we follow their qualifications in other parts of our curriculum.

To reassure students and families, like the BTEC, this qualification is equivalent to one GCSE. Furthermore, the assessment structure is very similar to the previous BTEC qualification.

- There is only one exam in the qualification, which is sat in January of Year 10 covering 'reducing risks and injuries'
- Students then complete two coursework units for the remainder of the course covering topics such as training, fitness, sports psychology and sports nutrition.

Our very experienced PE Faculty are confident that students will excel in this new qualification and find the curriculum interesting. Furthermore, we offer the next level OCR Sport qualification in the Sixth Form so the team are already very experienced in the demands of this exam board.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely,

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