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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to inform you about important assessments coming up in the GCSE Physical Education Course. As you may be aware the PE course is made up of 3 elements;

1. Theory (exam assessed across two papers)
2. Practical Sport (Live/Video assessment)
3. Coursework (internally assessed and submitted)

Theoretical Assessment

Students have a number of upcoming assessments in PE. Please find dates and information below:

Date	Exam Title	Type of Test	Time/number of marks	Location
Monday 4 th October	Engagement Patterns & Commercialisation	Topic Test	38 marks, 45 minutes	In class
Proposed date: Thursday 12 th December (PM)	Paper 1	Full paper	78 marks, 75 minutes	In exam hall
Proposed date: Thursday 12 th December (PM)	Socio-economic influences	Topic Test	27 marks, 30 minutes	In exam hall

Practical Assessment

Currently all students are focussing on their in school individual sports of either table tennis or trampolining in one of their GCSE PE lessons per week. Alongside this it is compulsory that they are attending the GCSE club running at lunchtime to allow them to achieve the best grade possible. The clubs run every:

Trampolining: Monday lunchtime
Table Tennis: Tuesday lunchtime
Practical Exam: Wednesday 27th November

Please be aware that the exam taken on the above date will involve filming the student's practical performance to send to the exam board. This will be their final assessment and therefore there will not be an opportunity to improve the grade later in the course. This sport is worth 10% of their final GCSE grade.

How You Can Help:

Practical Assessment

- To help your child prepare for the PE exam, please encourage them to attend the compulsory practical intervention for their individual sport. It is vital that they attend the extra session to practice the skills they are learning in lesson in order to obtain a higher grade.
- If your child plays competitive sport outside of school it is important that their performance is recorded and submitted for their remaining two sports. For those playing team sports your child will need a full half of a match recorded continuously with no breaks in footage. For those competing in individual sports such as swimming your child will need to be filmed in competition.

Theory Assessment

- Students receive a minimum of one piece of homework from PE a week. It is important that the work they produce at home is of a high quality and is reflective of their understanding in order to receive the most impactful feedback and support. Parents can monitor homework set using Frog.
- All students have been provided with revision books for paper 1. These should be used to support student's revision and practice of exam questions.
- Some good revision techniques your child would also benefit from are: Flashcards, Revision posters, mind maps and long answer question practice.

If you have any questions regarding the GCSE PE course or your child's progress please do not hesitate to contact me on downingk@hendonschool.co.uk. It is vital that the school and parents work in unison to support your child in achieving the best grades possible.

Thank you for your continued support in your child's progress in Physical Education.

Kind regards,

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Head of PE