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Dear Parent/Carer,

**RE: GCSE PE Year 9 & 10 – Change of Exam Board**

As of the new academic year starting in September 2020, students who are signed on to the GCSE PE course and are going into year 9 and year 10 will be following the new AQA specification.

The decision was made following in depth discussions internally and with other schools who deliver AQA at GCSE. We found that the change coincides with delivering the AQA specification at A-Level and allows for a smooth transition.

Students who are currently in year 10 and have been studying the EDEXCEL specification since September 2019 will be able to make an easy transfer over to the AQA specification as the topics covered so far are topics also delivered by AQA. Students can take this knowledge and use it successfully in the new spec, where we will continue to deliver high quality lessons. The advantages to this change will be:

- Teachers in the PE department are qualified AQA examiners and moderators.
- The NEA sections are more student friendly.
- The practical assessment criteria is more inclusive and accessible to our students.

We have been very successful at A-Level whilst delivering the AQA specification and we believe that we can continue the same successes with delivering this specification at GCSE, which in turn will enable us to get the most out of our students.

A copy of the specification can be found at: <https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/physical-education/gcse/physical-education-8582>

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via the main office on 01628 629415 or email to [enquiries@coxgreen.com](mailto:enquiries@coxgreen.com).

Yours sincerely

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