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27th February 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

OCR Level 1\2 Sport Studies

You may be aware that the P.E. department are offering an exciting new course for Year 9 students in addition to the options they have already been offered. The OCR Level 1\2 Sport Studies will start in September 2020 and will be offered in addition to GCSE P.E.

Sport is a key theme in most areas of both education and health policy. The need for people to lead healthy and active rather than sedentary lifestyles is increasingly prominent in respect of government initiatives, and this is reflected in the school curriculum, where physical education and sport remains core.

This qualification offers learners the opportunity to develop different types of skills through largely practical means, communication, problem solving, team working, evaluation and analysis, performing under pressure, and formulating findings from practical investigation. These are all transferable skills which can be learned and assessed through these qualifications and utilised in many other educational and employment settings.

Students will complete 4 units over 3 years with 2 lessons per two week timetable taken from the current 4 lessons of P.E. which year 9 students are allocated. This **will not** affect any other Year 9 subject choices. This course comprises of 3 coursework units and 1 examined unit, two of which are mandatory and 2 are chosen by the school. On completion of this course, students will gain an additional GCSE grade based on the level at which they pass.

This is a fantastic opportunity for students who would like to further their interest in sport and gain a relevant qualification especially those who have not been able to take GCSE P.E. It gives them the opportunity to an alternative and it will also support those students taking GCSE P.E.

If your son is intending to study this course from September we will need him to return the reply slip below by **Friday 27th March 2020** . If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me at school cparkes@stmargaretsacademy.com Alternatively, you can access the following website:

<https://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/cambridge-nationals/sport-studies-level-1-2-j803-j813/>

Yours sincerely,

Mr C Parkes
Head of P.E.



REPLY SLIP TO: Mr Parkes - OCR L1\2 Sport Studies

Student: _____

Form: _____

My son would like to study the above course starting September 2020. I understand that it will be taught through allocated P.E. lessons and not affect any of his Year 9 options already taken.

Signed: _____(parent/carer)

Date: _____