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Dear GCSE PE Student (and Parent/Carer),

I am writing to clarify the school's decision not to offer the A Level Physical Education course as part of the Sixth Form study programme in September 2019.

Firstly, this was not a decision taken lightly or without due consideration of the impact on student progression. Careful planning was taken to ensure that students wishing to follow a graduate route into sport were not going to be disadvantaged. To ensure this was the case, we present to you the admissions policies for the 3 leading universities in the country for sport undergraduate courses (and indeed the World Number 1 ranked university for sports courses)

We currently offer the BTEC National Extended Certificate in Sport as our Level 3 Sports course and it is worth reminding students and parents that this course is equivalent to an A Level and carries the same UCAS points as any other A Level course.

The admissions policy from the universities that we looked at all clearly indicate that A Level PE is not a pre-requisite for any of these courses. They will all accept the BTEC Extended Certificate as long as the required grade is achieved.

It also clarifies that the other 2 A Levels taken alongside this are of vital importance, most courses requiring either maths or a science (or both). In many cases, a Level 3 Sports course (A Level or BTEC) is not even a pre-requisite. In all the admissions information, it is clear that the high quality of grades is more significant than whether an A Level in PE has been studied.

We hope the below is helpful for informing decisions about Sixth Form Courses but would welcome conversations with parents or students if they wish further information on this matter.

Kind regards



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Loughborough University - Ranked Number 1 in the UK and Number 1 in the World for Sports Courses (QS World Ranking)

***Sport & Exercise Science (BSc Hons)***

AAA in 3 A Level courses or BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate: D\* including Distinctions in all units in combination with grades AA in two A-levels (including at least one of the preferred subjects)

Preferred subjects: Biology, Maths, Physics, Chemistry, Psychology, PE / Sports Science.

***Sport, Coaching & Physical Education (BSc Hons)***

AAA in 3 A Level courses or BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate D\* plus AA in 2 A Levels (at least one A Level must be a preferred subject).

Preferred subjects: Biology, Maths, Physics, Chemistry, Psychology, Sociology, History, Geography, Physical Education / Sports Science and English Literature

University of Birmingham - Ranked Number 2 in the UK and Number 5 in the world for Sports Courses (QS World Ranking)

***Sport, Exercise & Health Sciences (BSc Hons)***

AAA/AAB in 3 A Level courses or BTEC in Sport accepted in combination with two A levels (D\* including Distinctions in all units plus grades AA in accepted subjects). One of the A levels must be in a science subject.

**Science subjects:** Biology, Chemistry, Geography, Maths, PE/Sports studies, Psychology, Physics

***Sport, Physical Education and Coaching Sciences (BSc Hons)***

AAB/ABB in 3 A Level courses or BTEC in Sport accepted in combination with two A levels (D\* including Distinctions in all units plus grades AA in accepted subjects). One of the A levels must be in a science subject.

**Preferred subjects at A level:** Biology, Chemistry, Geography, Mathematics, Physics, Psychology, Sport Studies/Physical Education, English Language, History, Sociology

Bath University - Ranked Number 3 in the UK and Number 22 in the world for Sports Courses (QS World Ranking)

***Sport and Exercise Science BSc (Hons)***

AAA or A\*AB in three A levels including A in one science or mathematics subject or AA at A level plus D\* in the BTEC Subsidiary Diploma or National Extended Certificate. One of your A levels would need to be in the following subjects: Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Biology

***Health and Exercise Science BSc (Hons)***

AAB – A\*AC in three A levels or AB in two A level subjects plus D in the BTEC Subsidiary Diploma or National Extended Certificate. One of your A levels would need to be in the following subjects: Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Biology