



# CARDINAL NEWMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carer

We are writing to you regarding your child's assessments in GCSE PE. We have made huge strides forward over the past few years in underpinning requirements of the Pearson Edexcel qualification and maximising student potential in this area. Hopefully this letter will help you to understand all elements a little further and clarify some upcoming deadlines.

The practical element of the GCSE PE course makes up 30% of the final grade. Students are assessed in two sports in 2021/22 and awarded a mark out of 35 for each.

The Personal Exercise Programme (PEP) makes up a further 10%. Both the practical and PEP are presently being carried out in their lessons. Students have been given preparation notes and a guide to help them to plan and prepare for both areas.

The theoretical element makes up the remaining 60% of the qualification, split into two papers. Paper 1 is worth 36% and Paper 2 is worth 24%. All elements of the course were completed in Year 9 and 10 and we are presently in a revision cycle reviewing all elements to prepare for the summer exam.

## **Practical Assessment Plan**

In order to give your child an assessment grade we have to formally assess them in their chosen sports. We will potentially require them to attend some additional practical sessions relevant to their two sports. This process has already started. We may have to alter your child's practical selection if we assess they will not score highly enough with their present activity selection. Our intervention will take place after school, mostly on Fridays, with sessions running from 3.10pm - 4.30pm. Please encourage your child to attend if we request them to.

**Video evidence** - If they are using an activity we cannot show on the day of moderation we will need to provide video/recorded evidence of their performance. The requirements for this have been given to each student, but mainly involve a recording of the skills in isolation and a competitive performance. The following areas, selected by students as one of their two sports, will need to provide video evidence:

Dance, Trampolining, Boxing, Skiing, Swimming, Rowing, Gaelic Football, Tennis, Cricket and Athletics. If you are unsure whether a video will be required please contact me at the school. Please ensure they are completed by Christmas holiday and sent to me via email.

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**Personal Exercise Programme (PEP)**

We require the students to be proactive when completing the required work for their PEP. We have provided a guide, which they must have available at all times and lays out the evidence needed to meet the requirements of the coursework. We have provided the guide both on Class Charts and in a printed copy. We have also placed exemplars on Class Charts for the students to reference. We would appreciate it if you could ensure they complete this coursework diligently. A selection of the PEP's will be requested by the moderator, so they must be of the highest quality.

The deadline for hand in is Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2021, for the word-processed PEP.

As happened after the October half term, any advice and guidance will follow to make amendments to the studies.

**Working as a Team**

At Cardinal Newman we aim to ensure our students achieve the best possible outcomes in all elements of the course. As mentioned students can also use Friday's after school session to carry out revision, to prepare for the forthcoming summer examinations and to seek advice from PE staff. We have also suggested students work on their physical fitness, this will help them to secure a good practical score in every area.

May we thank you for your continued support and look forward to working together to ensure our students achieve their full potential. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries.

Yours faithfully



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**Head of Physical Education**

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