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Dear Parents/Carers

GCSE Physical Education

We are writing to inform you of an important requirement within the GCSE Physical Education course. In line with the Edexcel GCSE PE specification, all students must submit video evidence demonstrating their practical performance in their chosen sporting activities. While some footage will be recorded on site, we strongly recommend that students gather additional evidence when participating in sport outside of school. The practical component accounts for 30% of the overall GCSE grade.

To ensure every student can showcase their full ability, we encourage them to begin collecting video footage as early as possible for any sports they take part in beyond the school environment. High-quality evidence gathered throughout the year will support a more accurate and comprehensive assessment process.

What the video evidence must include

1. Skills in Isolation

- Clear demonstrations of the core skills listed in the Edexcel assessment criteria for their chosen sport
- Each skill performed 4–5 times, showing consistency and control
- Skills shown in progressively more challenging drills where appropriate
- A short introduction at the start including: name, school, candidate number, and the skill being demonstrated

2. Full Performance / Competitive Context

- Footage of the student performing in a game, match, competition or full-context scenario
- Evidence of:
 - Decision-making
 - Tactical awareness
 - Application of skills under pressure
 - Appropriate fitness and work rate

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3. Filming Quality Requirements

- The student must be clearly identifiable throughout
- A mixture of:
 - Wide-angle shots (positioning, movement)
 - Closer shots (technique, control)
- Footage should be steady, clear, and unedited
- Phone or tablet recordings are perfectly acceptable

Where to find the marking criteria for each sport

The full breakdown of assessment criteria for every sport can be found in the Edexcel GCSE PE Practical Performance Assessment Guide – [Click here](#). This includes:

- Required skills for each activity
- What must be shown in isolation and in full context
- How marks are awarded
- Examples of expected performance standards

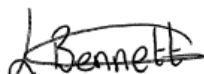
If you would like direct links or copies of the criteria for your child's specific sport, please contact the PE department and we will be happy to provide them.

Thank you for your continued support. Working together, we can ensure every student is fully prepared and able to achieve their best.

For any questions, please contact Miss Bennett via email general@thehambleschool.co.uk

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully



Miss L Bennett
Head of PE

If, at any time, you should require special arrangements to be made when visiting the school and/or in order to participate fully in supporting your child at school (e.g. an accessible venue for meetings, if you are a wheelchair user, assistance with translation of documents or enlarged copies of communications etc.), please do not hesitate to let us know.