

Ref: 052/19

24th May 2019

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: 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 next year 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 chance 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 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. that year 9 students are allocated so **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, it will also support those students taking GCSE P.E.

If you are intending on your son to study this course from September then we will need return reply slips by **Friday 21st June 2019**. If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me at school or via email cparkes@stmargaretsacademy.com

Yours sincerely,

Mr C Parkes

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

Student: _____

Form: _____

I would like my son to study the above course starting September 2019. 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/carers)

Date: _____