

September 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

GCSE PE

I am writing to consult with you my decision to transfer all GCSE PE students over to the BTEC Level 2 Sport Award. This has been a carefully considered approach based on the national data for all GCSE PE results in 2017.

Currently the average grade of the GCSE PE cohort at Digitech is below a C grade and will do little to aid students in their Post 16 ambitions. The BTEC Level 2 Award will count for student's grades towards entry requirements of Post 16 courses.

The grading criteria for the BTEC Level 2 Award enables students to achieve high grades, which are equivalent to the following GCSE grades:

- Level 1 BTEC Award (Pass) 1 GCSE grade D
- Level 2 BTEC Award (Pass) 1 GCSE grade C
- Level 2 BTEC Award (Merit) 1 GCSE grade B
- Level 2 BTEC Award (Distinction) 1 GCSE grade A
- Level 2 BTEC Award (Distinction*) 1 GCSE grade A*

The BTEC Level 2 award is very similar to the GCSE PE qualification in terms of specification content; however, it is assessed through three assignments (75%) and one exam (25%) instead of the GCSE PE qualification, which is assessed through two exams (60%), and a 40% practical assessment.

I feel this would complement our learners at Digitech well and allow them to use the best of their skills during the assessment periods. The BTEC Level 2 Award offers more direct experience in the field of physical activity and sport, whilst also offering a natural progression onto BTEC Level 3 sport at Post 16.

I intend to make the transition as of Wednesday 13th September. If you have any issues or queries please do not hesitate to contact me or come into school at the end of the day.

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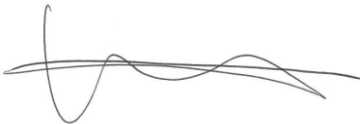
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In the meantime, I will continue teaching content, which is present in both specifications as to not lose any valuable time.

Please visit the below website for any further information.

<https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/btec-firsts/sport-2012-nqf.html>

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