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Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to inform you of a significant change to the GCSE PE syllabus.

As you will be aware, your child had originally been selected to complete the double award qualification, for which they would have been awarded two GCSEs. However, at the start of summer 2013, the government announced that as of June 2014 the "double award" in Physical Education would no longer be worth two grades.

Under the circumstances we have decided to enter all GCSE PE students for the single award qualification. For your child, this will mean that they will now only be assessed in four practical activities and will only sit one examination paper in the summer.

Whilst it will be disappointing for students to learn that one less GCSE will be taken, this will mean a small reduction in workload, which they may welcome in year 11. We will have more time to cover the theory content of the single award; we can also focus on fewer areas of practical assessment and really refine their skills in these areas.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Miss C Jones  
**Teacher of PE**

