Subject: Physical Education		
Head of Department lan Blower	Qualification GCSE	Exam Board OCR

There is both a practical and theoretical component to this course. Two lessons a week are classroom based. Practical work is taught and assessed in the remaining GCSE lesson and the two core PE lessons.

ASSESSMENT

60% written exams. 2 x 1 hour papers.

Paper 1 – Physical factors affecting performance

Paper 2 – Socio-cultural issues and sports psychology

30% practical performance [3 sports, at least one team sport and one individual plus one other.]

10% analysis and evaluation of performance. Written paper.

Theory work covers the following:

- Skeletal system
- Muscular system
- Structure of joints
- Roles of muscles, movement and their location
- Structure and function of the cardiovascular system
- Structure and function of the respiratory system
- Aerobic and anaerobic exercise
- Short term effects of exercise
- Long term effects of exercise
- Components of fitness cardiovascular endurance, muscular endurance, speed, strength, flexibility, agility, power
- Principles of training
- Methods of training
- Warm up/cool down

- Potential hazards and prevention of injury
- Physical activity in sport in the UK
- Socio cultural factors affecting participation in physical activity
- Lever systems
- Characteristics of skilful movement
- Goal setting
- Mental preparation
- Feedback
- Ethics in sport
- Participation levels in physical activity
- Drugs in sport
- Violence in sport
- Health, fitness and well being
- Diet and nutrition
- Commercialisation

Who is suited to this course?

- Students that enjoyed PE at Key stage 3
- Anyone with a real interest in sport and a possible future career in sport
- Someone who is a capable performer in at least 3 different sports and who is prepared to give any sport a try.
- Someone who takes part in physical activity regularly outside school and attends extracurricular practices, preferably playing for a school team.
- Somebody that is interested and motivated to learn the theory work associated with the course.
- A more detailed breakdown of the course can be found on the OCR website.