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Dear Parent / Carer

**Re: Transfer to BTEC Sport Level 2**

The Bulwell Academy PE department currently offer students the opportunity to study either GCSE PE or BTEC Sport Level 2. The PE Department have been very successful in seeing our students achieve outstanding results on both courses.

On reflection and study of the newly reformed GCSE specification, we have taken the decision that PE will only deliver the BTEC Sport level 2 qualification for examination in 2019 (for current Year 9s) and in 2018 (for current Year 10s). In order for us to continue delivering high quality lessons and gaining the best possible results and outcome for all our sport students we believe that this change is essential.

This decision has not been taken lightly. The success of our students is our priority and we feel that our students will achieve higher grades by studying the BTEC Level 2 course in comparison to the reformed GCSE course.

We therefore trust that you will accept and support us with this change as we continue to drive up standards and achievement.

If you have any questions please contact either Mr Howarth, Head of PE, or myself Mrs Dean, Vice Principal for PE.

Yours sincerely

**Mrs L Dean**  
**Vice Principal, PE**