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Change to Key Stage 4 Health and Social Care Course

Dear Family

You are receiving this letter as your child has been following a BTEC course in Health and Social Care as one of their options subjects. We have decided to change the course and qualification very slightly to one that is better suited to our students and this letter will explain the benefits of this new course and the changes. You do not need to do anything, this letter is just for your information.

We have recently appointed a new member of staff to teach Health and Social Care. Ms Don Carolis has many years of experience of teaching Health and Social Care and PE and following a review of the course and discussions with her we have decided that changing the exam board and course is the best option. There is no difference in the level or quality of qualification the students will receive – the new course is equivalent to the original one.

The OCR Cambridge National Health and Social Care Course is a new and exciting course that will help students to develop:

- valuable communication skills that are extremely attractive in the modern workplace
- an understanding of the rights of individuals and person-centred values and how to apply these when working with service users
- vital knowledge and understanding of how to protect individuals through infection prevention, safeguarding and safety and security measures
- an understanding of growth and development through the life stages
- an understanding of life events and how to support individuals through them
- transferable skills, such as evaluation, planning, presentation/delivery, research

The course has a simple assessment model.

- 1 x 1 hour 15 minute exam to be taken in Year 11
- 3 x controlled assessments, each worth 60 marks, taking between 10 and 12 hours to complete, marked by teachers in the Academy and moderated by the exam board

Students can achieve any of the following grades:

Level 2 Distinction* / Distinction / Merit / Pass; Level 1 Distinction / Merit / Pass

This course has been designed to allow students to progress onto a number of different Post-16 courses and future careers, including the Cambridge Technical in Health and Social Care and a number of apprenticeships.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me on the school number above or visit for more information.

Yours sincerely

Miss M Gardner
Vice Principal