



# The Sutton Academy

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Principal: Mrs Alison Sherman

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Dear Parent/Carer

You may be aware that 40% of your child's GCSE PE grade is based on their practical performance in either two team sports and an individual sport or two individual sports and a team sport.

All three sports must have evidence of participation on a **regular basis** and in **regular competitive situations** to access the higher grade boundaries.

Please can I draw your attention to specific guidance provided to centres regarding the practical component of the course based on the last examination series:

**Candidates who performed poorly in the practical component had little or no evidence of regular competitive scenarios in the sports they were being assessed in, this was especially noticeable for the off-site activities. The aim of the DfE and Ofqual was to ensure that students who pick up a sport one day cannot get a top mark the next. If you take Swimming, there is no way you could start this on a Friday and achieve full marks by Sunday and this is similar for other activities.**

For many of our students they can evidence regular competition in a team sport - as they participate in teams outside of school - but they struggle to gain evidence in individual activities.

To gain these additional competitive hours we do not expect to students to join multiple clubs outside of school but we do expect our GCSE students to be regularly attending our extra-curricular provision to gain the additional practice and competitive hours required in these other sports.

Those students that are not accessing the provision will not be able to achieve scores higher than 11 out 20 even if they can perform the core skills to a high standard due to their lack of competitive experience.

**Please can I ask you to encourage your child to attend our extra-curricular programme to improve their chances of accessing the higher grade boundaries in the practical component of their course.**

Many thanks

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