

20 January 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to inform you of upcoming events relating to the OCR National Sports Science course that your child is currently undertaking.

The cohort began their first internally assessed element of the course on Tuesday 10 January 2023 with their first assignment, Unit R182: The Body's Response to Physical Activity and how Technology Informs this. Since September we have been teaching the content needed to be able to complete this assessment in classrooms. We have now moved into computer rooms for students to carry out their first Assignment. This is in the form of coursework that is completed independently, under supervision and, with resources available over a set period of time. The deadline for this is Tuesday 7 February 2023.

To complete their assignment, your child needs to bring their **exercise book and practical booklet, containing their classwork, to every assessment lesson (every theory lesson)**. If they were absent during a lesson and, therefore, have gaps in their class work they need to use the relevant Firefly pages (link below) to independently catch up. They will also have access to textbooks and the internet. On the 10 January 2023, students were issued with their **Assignment Brief and a 'student guide to assessment'** (also on the Firefly page below for your information). Again, these need to be brought to every lesson. We have spent a lesson on 'what to expect in an assignment'. If your child missed this, they would need to speak to their individual classroom teacher. Practical lessons will remain during this period of assessment and students need to continue to take their practical booklet to their Wednesday week A, period 1, practical lesson.

Over the past year the OCR exam board have been **highly scrutinising any plagiarism of student work**. It is imperative that any **work submitted by a student is their own**. If any resources have been used (textbook, internet, pictures, PowerPoints) they must be referenced by copying the URL web link on to a reference page at the end of the work and the name of the source attached to the relevant paragraph in the coursework. In addition, before starting the assignment, students **must have completed the plagiarism homework set on Classcharts on 15 December 2022**. Please could you support your child with this if they are still yet to complete it. Through this homework, and a plagiarism lesson taught before Christmas, students should have a sound understanding of what plagiarism is and how to avoid it. Students will also be asked to sign a declaration upon hand in, confirming that their coursework is all their own work.

The cohort will complete a further two-three internally assessed assignments, after a period of teaching and classwork, over the remainder of the course, as well as an externally assessed written examination in Year 11. We will keep you updated with timings of all future assessments.

All assessments both internally assessed (coursework x two to three) and externally assessed (exam x one) contribute to the overall grade in Sports Science. It is imperative that students produce their utmost effort and commitment in all assessments.

Submitting coursework:

Students must submit their finished coursework on Classcharts no later than the deadline outlined above. The assignment has been set as a homework task so that students can easily upload their finished work.

We ask for your support in encouraging your child to do their best in this assessment and ensuring that they are fully informed of the plagiarism guidelines. Examples of plagiarism will be taken seriously and could result in disqualification and a score of 0.

Where to find the resources:

[Sport Science — The Kings of Wessex \(fireflycloud.net\)](https://www.fireflycloud.net)

Classcharts info for hand in:

Sports Science Assignment 1: R182

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Please submit work in the following format: SURNAME_INITIAL_R182_2023

If you have any questions regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact me on kgray@kovessex.co.uk.

Yours sincerely



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