

10th January 2012

Re GCSE Health and Social Care Qualification

Dear Parent / Guardian

I am writing to inform you about a decision that we as a school have made with regards to the above qualification. We have decided to offer a double GCSE qualification to a number of students in this cohort, as we feel that this is a level that is achievable by the students by the end of Year 10 when they take their exams in this subject.

Your child has been spoken to regarding the possibility of converting to a two GCSE course and has shown an interest in being considered for the double award. Our decision to offer chosen students this opportunity will be based on a mock exam that they will take in the next few weeks and their general attitude and interest in the course to date.

There are a number of students in this group who are causing concern in that they are failing to complete homework and at present fail to fulfil their potential. Parents of these students have been contacted. This should also be apparent from the grades and targets for last term. I am also concerned that some parents who were contacted have failed to respond to the school with regard to their child's under achievement when requested in recent phone calls.

Students who are to take the double award will start the new unit of work which is a controlled assessment task whilst the rest of the group will work on extended tasks to reinforce their knowledge and understanding of the work we have covered to date and to prepare for the exam in June.

We will be closely monitoring and tracking student progress to ensure they achieve the best possible grades based on their CATS and SATS results.

If you have any queries regarding this qualification then please contact me on the school number (ext 313) or email n.challis@homewood.kent.sch.uk

Many thanks for your support with this matter.

Yours sincerely

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Principal Teacher H&SC