



Tuesday, 14 September 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

We are delighted to offer students the opportunity to participate in the Crest Award this year. This is an award that is widely recognised by Universities and employers due to the skills demonstrated by students through completion of the award and introduces students to project work that empowers them to work like real scientists, technologists, engineers or mathematicians.

Students choose their own topic and methodologies, giving them complete freedom over their work. The aim is that students will work independently or in groups to plan and run a project addressing a real-world STEM problem taking a minimum of 10 hours. Examples of these projects can be found on the [Crest website](#).

There will be an information meeting in the Theatre during 1<sup>st</sup> break on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2021 for any student who is interested in finding out more about the award. To confirm that your child would like to participate in the Bronze Crest Award, please complete [this form](#) by 24<sup>th</sup> September 2021. The cost of the award is £5 and payment can be made via sQuid, however should you require financial support to allow your child to participate please do let me know. Every student who meets the [award criteria](#) receives a Crest Award Certificate. They will also be awarded participation points towards their overall achievement points.

To support students there will be three taught sessions taking place during 1<sup>st</sup> break in L11 on the following days:

- 29<sup>th</sup> September 2021
- 13<sup>th</sup> October 2021
- 12<sup>th</sup> January 2022

There will be drop in sessions for students to attend for individual support and guidance on Wednesdays at 1<sup>st</sup> break in L11 between 13<sup>th</sup> October and 9<sup>th</sup> February 2022.

On 9<sup>th</sup> February 2022, there will be a Science Fair where students will present their work and will have the opportunity to win prizes. Display boards can be purchased from [Hobbycraft](#) for £5.50 and what should be presented will be explained to students during the taught sessions.

The deadline for the final submission is 11<sup>th</sup> February 2021.

Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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