



10th January 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

CREST Award for Science

As part of the year 7 Science curriculum, your son/daughter is participating in the CREST award for Science. This award not only allows them to be creative and research into an area of Science that interests them, but also to present their findings to their peers and to achieve a bronze CREST award.

The CREST awards scheme is the only nationally recognised accreditation scheme for STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) project work for 5-19 year olds. Your son/daughter will be able to gain their bronze award through investigation and enquiry based learning, which in turn will allow them to solve a real life STEM challenge. CREST awards have been proven to increase grades and interest in continuing in STEM education and careers, as well as giving students real life experience of 'being' a scientist and working on STEM projects. It also helps develop student's skills in creativity, teamwork and time management.

I am writing to you today for two reasons. The first is to invite all parents/ carers to the presentation of your son/daughter's work on Tuesday the 6th February 2018 in the main hall from 4-6pm. This will be a celebratory event where students will be presenting their work in an 'American style' Science fair format, where teachers will be judging their work and hopefully awarding them with the bronze CREST award if they have met the criteria. If you are able to attend to see the amazing work of our students, then please return the slip below via your son/daughter.

The second reason I am writing to you is to ask whether you would like to make a voluntary donation to help us towards the costs of certificating each student. The cost of each certificate from the CREST awards is £5 and we would appreciate your support in helping us ensure we can certificate every child who achieves the award in the year group. The payment link for the £5 donation will be available on ParentPay at the release of this letter.

If you have any further questions regarding this project please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards

Miss Schofield
Acting Deputy Head of Science
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CREST Award Science Fair

Student's name _____

Form group _____

I will be attending the Science fair event on Tuesday 6th February, 4-6pm in the Main hall



Please return to your son/ daughter's Science Teacher by **Tuesday 30th January 2018**

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