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To: Y7 & Y8 Parents/Carers

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Dear Parent/Carer

This year we are launching a new personal development initiative for Year 7 and Year 8 students called 'The Edge'. The Edge is a national award scheme run by PiXL (Partners in Excellence) where students work towards recognition for their involvement in school and community activities of their choosing. The Edge sits separately from students' academic studies and aims to improve students' personal development by focusing on five important attributes known as the 'LORIC'.

- Leadership
- Organisation
- Resilience
- Initiative
- Communication

Students have a personal choice in the activities they complete and there is a database of 2000 for them to select. However, new ones can be added if a student finds a suitable activity that is not already on the system. To reach the first level of award (Apprentice) students must complete two activities per LORIC attribute (10 in total). There is no time frame on completion, but I am aiming for the majority of students to complete the award by the end of Year 9.

The database where students input what they have completed includes video guides, sentence starts and key verbs to help them, even if they struggle with literacy. Students have been given a username and password, but if they have any issues with logging in please ask them to speak to their form tutor.

By completing The Edge, students will not only develop important life skills, but also become more involved in what the school has to offer as well as supporting the local community. All efforts are recorded so that when the time comes for future applications, students have evidence to help them stand out from the crowd. On completion, students receive a certificate as evidence as well as built-in school rewards

Whether students have a passion for music, sport, art, literature or any other area, I am confident there is something for everyone. Please can you encourage your child to engage with the award and take advantage of the fantastic opportunities available to them.

Academic success is important for any school but there is far more to education than this. The PiXL Edge is one tool where all students regardless of academic ability can achieve, have fun and develop skills that will serve them well wherever their path may lead.

Attached is a PDF explaining in more detail how the system works and how you can support your child with completion.

Yours faithfully



Mr J Day (Assistant Headteacher)

