

Ref: HNI / RBL

14 March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

Re: CREST Award

I am writing to you to inform your child has been invited to complete a CREST award within Science Club at Darton Academy.

CREST is a nationally recognised scheme for student-led project work in the STEM subjects (science, technology, engineering maths). It is respected by universities and employers and enhances students' UCAS personal statements.

The CREST award helps young people become independent and reflective learners through enquiry-based project work. The award gives young people the chance to choose their own subject and methodology when completing their hands-on investigation. Over the course, teams of students design their own investigation and document their research in a booklet that is to be submitted to CREST, giving them a taste of what it is like to be a scientist or engineer in the real-world.

Further information about the CREST award can be found on the following website:

<https://www.crestawards.org>.

The project involves 10 hours of work, which will take part in Science club, on Thursday afternoons 2.30pm - 3.20pm. The launch day is Thursday 11th April, and will run for 10 consecutive sessions. Students must attend at least 8 out of 10 sessions and contribute positively to their project.

If you give permission for your child to compete and take part in the CREST award, please return the slip at the bottom of this letter to reception by **Wednesday 20th March**.

Many Thanks

Dr H Nicholas
Teacher of Science

CREST Award

I,parent/carer of

give permission for my child to work towards a CREST Award.

Signature:

Date: