



January 2020

Dear Parent/Carer of NAME

Bronze Crest Award

We are delighted to offer your son/daughter the opportunity to participate in the Bronze Crest Award by joining our new HLS STEM Club. The CREST Award Programme is a nationally acclaimed scheme run by the British Science Association which is designed to inspire young people to think and behave like scientists and engineers.

Over the course of approximately 10 hours, across the Spring and Summer Term, teams of students will design their own investigation and record their findings, giving them a taste of what it is like to be a scientist or engineer in the real world. Students will be mentored and coached by staff during Monday lunchtimes and afterschool sessions but will be expected to take the lead on their projects and work collaboratively to discover solutions to the proposed projects. Students will be able to choose from the following projects:

- Make a rollercoaster faster
- Bath bomb challenge
- Waste free lunch
- Design a game controller

The final project will be produced by your son/daughter and assessed according to the CREST criteria. If it successfully meets this criteria your child will be awarded the Bronze Crest Award, an award which is recognised by college and university providers and employers.

Please note there is a limit of 20 spaces available for this year's intake for the school and a £5 compulsory fee to cover the cost of affiliation to CREST. Pupil Premium Students will have their cost covered by the Pupil Premium Fund. Please identify on your reply slip if this is applicable to your child.

If your daughter or son would like to participate in this exciting opportunity, please click the link below for the electronic reply slip and submit it no later than **Monday 24th February 2020**. Please do not send any money at this stage. If we have more than 20 replies students will be selected according to their behaviour reports and attitude towards learning grades on their Student Progress Reports.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact either myself, Miss Mackey or Miss Willis at the school.

Yours sincerely

Miss S. Gibbs
Able & Ambitious Coordinator

Miss A. Mackey
Subject Leader, Design & Technology

Miss S. Willis
Assistant Subject Leader, Science



Higham Lane School

Helping Learners Succeed

Headteacher: Phil Kelly BA MBA NPQH

LINK:

My son/daughter would like to take part

I acknowledge that there is a compulsory £5 fee if my son/daughter is selected to take part

My son/daughter qualifies for Pupil Premium

Please submit this form by Monday 24th February 2020