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Dear Parents/Carers

We are pleased to inform you that Braunton Academy is offering your son/daughter the opportunity to embark on an innovative scheme called 'The Edge'. In 2016 we launched 'The Edge' with students in key stage 3 and I am pleased to say that our first student has now completed the Apprentice Level.

The scheme is intended, over time, to develop and accredit the life skills and attributes that employers are telling us they need – leadership, organisation, initiative, resilience and communication. This will give students a qualification, which runs alongside their academic successes and recognises what they can do as well as what they know.

In order to gain the qualification at "Apprentice", "Graduate" or "Masters" level, students need to complete a range of activities from an approved list. The activities can be many and varied and can be undertaken in normal lessons, in extra-curricular clubs or outside of school.

Progress on the scheme will be managed by students themselves using a specially designed on-line application, with tutors and Heads of House providing an oversight and awarding credits towards achieving the qualification.

Your child has an individual log in and guidance booklet. Attached is a guide for students and an introduction powerpoint that demonstrates how to select an activity. Included in this powerpoint are several videos that explain the program.

We believe that 'The Edge' provides a real opportunity for students at Braunton Academy to benefit in the future as they apply to colleges, universities and for positions of employment.

The attributes that 'The Edge' focuses on are crucial in your child's transition from a child to an adult. If they can identify how they are developing these then they will be better placed to be successful in achieving them.

Yours sincerely



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