

## St Martin's School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As you are hopefully aware since the 6th November we have introduced an innovative scheme called 'PiXL Edge' into students' fortnightly PSE lessons within Year 7 and 8.

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 (otherwise known as LORIC). It will be the perfect opportunity for us to learn about our students' extracurricular achievements that often go unnoticed and for students who complete the programme to be awarded a certificate of recognition at the end of the year.

Pupils have already been working through Leadership activities in order to add to their portfolio of evidence to move to the "Apprentice" level of certification. During this term pupils will now focus on Organisation element of the LORIC. As part of this challenge an initial thirty three Year 8 pupils have chosen to assist in the day to day running of the school through volunteering to work alongside our office staff. The aim is to encourage Year 7 pupils to join with this scheme too. This will entail spending a full day working alongside staff and students ensuring the school runs in an efficient and positive way.

Further opportunities will be given for <u>all</u> pupils to help enhance the "social capital" of St Martin's in order for pupils to develop the feeling of being a fundamental part of our team. Projects alongside teaching/support staff, the senior team and site managers will all be offered.

I must emphasise that pupils will still be completing tasks from their lessons alongside their new responsibilities.

If you have any questions, concerns or do not want your son/daughter to take part in this activity, please contact me at the school.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. J. Richards Head of Learning Year 8 St Martins School, Caerphilly.

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