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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are pleased to inform you that, from 6th November, we are going to introduce an innovative scheme called 'The Edge' into PSE lessons for 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' extra curricular 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.

In order to gain the qualification at "Apprentice" 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 in line with LORIC.

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

After meeting with 'The Edge' staff and reading testimonies from other schools across the country, we believe that 'The Edge' provides a real opportunity for students to develop their 'softer skills' and benefit them in their future studies and enrich their school lives.

Please see the supporting documentation of the programme for more information. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or child's Head of Learning using the contact details above.

Yours faithfully,

Mr M. Lewis
Head of ICT/eSLT

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