

Dear Parent / Guardian,

JASS is an achievement award for young people. JASS is designed to provide a structured accredited learning programme to support individuals through the transition from primary to secondary school. JASS is consistent with the *National Curriculum* whilst being flexible to be tailored to the interests and abilities of individuals, ensuring it is achievable by all participants.

The award is progressive, through **Bronze**, **Silver**, and **Gold** levels. Each level requires four sections to be completed: **My Interests** (developing an interest or learning a new skill); **Get Active, Stay Active** (taking part in sport and physical activity); **Me and My World** (contributing to the local community); and **Adventure** (outdoor activity and learning, including team work and problem solving).

While much of the programme can be delivered as part of the normal curriculum pupils can also gain accreditation for activities, clubs and interests pursued out with school. A sectional certificate will be awarded on completion of each of the four sections. Participants who successfully complete all four sections will be awarded an overall certificate and pin badge.

Participants have been issued with an e-Jass login which can be accessed here: online.jassschools.org.uk

Each account includes the following: Level of Participation | Activities & Targets Set | Sectional Start and Finish Dates | Participant's Notes on their Achievements | Mentor's Comments and Sign-off to Confirm Completion

In addition, participants will be encouraged to add project material to their e-Jass account to provide evidence of their achievements.

Minimum time requirement table:

	My Interests	Get Active, Stay Active	Me and My World	Adventure
BRONZE	8 hours over a school term	8 hours over a school term	8 hours over a school term	3 hours
SILVER	12 hours over a school term	12 hours over a school term	12 hours over a school term	5 hours
GOLD	18 hours over 2 school terms	18 hours over 2 school terms	18 hours over 2 school terms	8 hours

How You Can Assist

Each participant has a short personal profile on their e-Jass account to plan how they will complete each section of the award and to identify potential mentors. We would be grateful if you could assist your child in completing this.

Individual, achievable, targets for each section should be set by each young person in consultation with their mentor. A mentor could be a teacher, youth leader, a family friend, or yourselves. The range of activities as endless from cooking, computer programming and chess, through to sewing, calligraphy, and cycling. You can help your child to gather evidence for e-Jass by taking notes or keeping photographs, programmes / publicity materials or certificates.

External mentors such as club leaders can sign the e-Jass record sheets to verify that the participant has taken part in an activity and to record what they have learnt. We will provide a letter which pupils can give to club leaders, explaining JASS and asking for their help.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school with any comments or queries about the scheme.

Thank you