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Dear Parents/Carers

Over the year, the Academy has provided extra-curricular opportunities and activities aimed at developing our Year 7 students holistically.

They are involved in an enrichment programme that takes place during curriculum time where they are learning about coding, creating artwork for the local hospital and learning Russian just to name a few. They will also be taking part in a Brooke Weston Trust entrepreneurial competition.

We are pleased to introduce that Brooke Weston Academy are also going to be offering Year 7 the opportunity to embark on an innovative programme aimed at developing their creative thinking and character called 'The Edge'.

This is facilitated by PiXL, a non-government educational organisation, which Brooke Weston Academy joined in 2016. The scheme will be led by Miss Kerr, the Student Care Leader for Year 7, and the Year 7 tutor team.

It 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.

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

- Completing a 'fun run'
- Mentoring fellow students within the programme
- Delivering a presentation in Spanish
- Audition for a role in a school production
- Write an article for the school website

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

You can see more information about the Edge at www.pixl.org.uk/edge.

Should you have any questions or would like to know more about the Edge, please contact Miss Kerr via the Academy office.

Yours sincerely

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Principal