



THE BURGESS HILL ACADEMY

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Dear Parent/Carer

We are pleased to inform you that The Burgess Hill Academy is going to be offering your son/daughter the opportunity to embark on an innovative scheme called 'The Edge' this year.

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 Year providing an oversight and awarding credits towards achieving the qualification. For the 'Apprentice' level students need to complete 10 tasks, two tasks in each of the key attributes – Leadership, Organisation, Initiative, Communication and Resilience. Please use the data base to look up activities that will suit each student best.

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

If you have any questions or queries with regards to 'The Edge' please contact amcgeough@theburgesshillacademy.org.uk

Yours sincerely

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