



Dear parents and carers

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## OCEAN ACADEMY'S ASPIRE AWARD

At Ocean Academy, we are committed to offering our pupils a wealth of opportunities for them to develop a sense of purpose in all aspects of life, be engaged in the world around them and to feel a real sense of self-worth as a result of all this. To continue to foster these values within our pupils, we are excited to offer Year 5 pupils a new award scheme which they can work towards completing over the rest of their time at Ocean Academy. This is a pilot scheme so will just be for Year 5's to take part in at the moment but we look forward to rolling it out across the school in the future.

The Aspire Awards have been specially designed for Aspirations Academy Trust to reward pupils who take on extra opportunities to develop our 3 guiding principles of self-worth, engagement and purpose. There are three awards which can be earned, each with 10 challenges which must be completed to achieve the award.

### The awards and challenges are:

#### Self-Worth

- Write a letter to yourself about what you have achieved in Ocean Academy
- Cook a meal
- Teach someone something
- Take up a new hobby
- Learn a new life skill
- Write a book review
- Research a personal hero and create a fact file about them
- Raise money for charity
- Complete an activity you set for yourself that demonstrates self-worth
- Complete an activity you set for yourself that demonstrates self-worth

#### Purpose

- Write a thank you letter to someone who has helped you
- Be in the golden book and receive a learning leader certificate
- Take part in a school competition (Intra-club etc)
- Design your own science investigation
- Become a 'Rock Legend' on TTRockstars
- Earn an award from outside of school
- Apply for a leadership role in school
- Complete a litter pick around the school
- Complete an activity you set for yourself that demonstrates purpose
- Complete an activity you set for yourself that demonstrates purpose

#### Engagement

- Volunteer (in school or out)
- Research and create a presentation about a job which interests you
- Create your own learning journey map about a topic which interests you
- Join a club (in school or out)
- Deliver a class assembly about a topic of your choice
- Visit a 'place of interest' (museum, theatre, nature reserve etc)
- Design a workout for your class to complete
- Try out an activity designed to improve mental health
- Complete an activity you set for yourself that demonstrates engagement
- Complete an activity you set for yourself that demonstrates engagement





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The aim of these challenges is for them to be completed independently (although some will require some adult support) and outside of the school day where possible. We will be making sure pupils have plenty of opportunities to work towards the school based challenges. The last two challenges in each award are designed to encourage the pupils to think about what each guiding principle means to them, and create challenges for themselves to complete. The challenges do not need to be completed in order and pupils can be completing challenges for different awards at the same time. There is a google slides document on your child's Google Classroom, on which they can add pictures and text to keep a record of each challenge they have completed (a guide to this is attached to this letter). If you would prefer a paper copy of this challenge record, please speak to your class teacher. When all 10 challenges in an award have been completed, a badge and certificate will be presented to the pupils in golden assembly. There is no requirement for your child to achieve these awards, but we hope that they will grasp the opportunity with both hands!

We look forward to celebrating all of the pupils' achievements and awarding many badges over the coming months.

Kind regards,

Miss Wandowski

