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Dear Parent/Carer

British Association CREST Award – Science and Astronomy

One of the aims of the science department at Sackville is to inspire our students to pursue their interest in the subject beyond the classroom, stretching and challenging the most able and enthusiastic. As such, one activity available to year 9 students is the opportunity to achieve a BA Silver Crest Award through project work in science or astronomy. This is a well-regarded, national award which requires 30 hours of project work to be completed during the year. The work is externally assessed by industry experts at The Big Bang Fair at the South of England Showground in the summer. Further information can be found at www.britishscienceassociation.org/crest.

We will support students with their own projects, which can be completed in small groups, on Thursdays from 3pm-4pm. The school facilities, including laboratories and our observatory, will be available for use to complete these projects. We have successfully guided several groups of students to their awards in recent years, with some winning awards in both the regional and national finals of the National Science and Engineering Competition. We are now recruiting our next teams.

A limited number of places are available due to the close supervision that may be required. We would therefore ask that you discuss the time commitment required to be successful with your child before completing and returning the reply slip below. This should be brought to the first session on Thursday 3rd November, where we look forward to hearing initial project ideas.

Yours sincerely

Mr S Bush   Mr I Tyrrell
Curriculum Leader of Science   **Raising Standards Leader, Science**

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To: Mr S Bush/Mr I Tyrrell

My child ………………..…………………………………………………………………. of form ………………………
would like to be considered for participation in the BA Silver Crest Award.

Signed: ………………………………………………………………….. Parent/Carer   Date: ………………

Parent/Carer name (please print) …………………………………………………………………………………