

Dear Parent/Carer,

RE - The Stanway Experience

I hope you and your family are well.

I wanted to get in touch with you regarding an exciting opportunity for Year 7 students this year. The Stanway Experience has been launched this year to acknowledge and award students at The Stanway School for the amazing things they do over their 5 years here.

Essentially there are 5 categories (Explore, Contribute, Engage, Develop, and Appreciate) in which students can record 3 experiences over their time at the school (a total of 15 experiences). There are 3 milestones where students are awarded Level One (5 experiences across 3 categories), Level Two (9 experiences across 4 categories), and Level Three (12 experiences across all 5 categories).

I'd encourage you to have a read of the key information on our website so you can support your child(ren) through this moving forward. This is accessible via the following link: <https://www.stanway.essex.sch.uk/stanway-experience/>.

Students have the opportunity to write up their experiences once a half term in a computer room in form time, which is happening right now in school, but are welcome to add to their 'Student Record' at home too. This is accessible on their form group Google Classroom.

I am writing to you to encourage your child/ren to take part! Try as much as possible to encourage your child/ren to:

- Get involved in as many extra-curricular activities as possible (Year 7 clubs list: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1PAxYr9N9Vmcd3AyIip4neoJwr-36nCt8O-F7qddqVs/edit>).
- Learn and develop **new** skills above and beyond the day to day curriculum e.g. learning how to play an instrument or new sport.
- Volunteer in school or the local community e.g. charity events or supporting more vulnerable people.
- And hopefully in the future... trips! Although this year we are allowing students to record a trip with their family as an Explore experience, providing it has an educational benefit.

Thank you in advance for your support with this! If you do have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards,

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