



# Brine Leas School

An Academy

Believe, Learn, Succeed

September 2017

Dear Parent/Guardian

During the first term of each academic year, Brine Leas School identifies high achieving students and these students become part of the whole school Able and Talented cohort. In line with good practice, this cohort is then reviewed at the end of each academic year.

I am delighted to tell you that your child has been identified as an able student within their year group and will now be/continue to be part of the Able and Talented programme. This means that the progress of your child will continue to be closely monitored and that support will be offered to your child as appropriate, to ensure they are fully challenged.

In addition to this, I would like to invite your child to take part in The Brine Leas Gold Award. This is a programme for students who wish to be proactive in expanding their education. It involves your child working either independently, with yourselves, or with other Able and Talented students to complete a series of challenges. The challenges are engaging and varied in difficulty but all will support learning and progress. Your child will be able to choose the challenges which are of most interest to them but they must complete enough challenges to achieve a bronze, silver, gold, or new to this year, the platinum award. At the end of the year there will be a reward trip for the Able and Talented group in each individual year group.

These challenges must be evidenced by students in a Thinking Journal – this could be a paper scrapbook, an exercise book or a computerised journal –in the form of tickets, photographs, journal entries, etc. I will be supporting and encouraging students to complete these challenges via half termly meetings. I will also provide parents with a termly newsletter, making you aware of enrichment opportunities going on in the local area.

When your child completes The Brine Leas Gold Award, he/she will be presented with a certificate and a pin badge and at the end of the academic year there will be a celebration event for all students who have completed this Able and Talented programme.

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I will be meeting with our Able and Talented students to explain what The Brine Leas Gold Award is and inviting them to participate. Please discuss this opportunity with your child and complete the form below to indicate whether you wish your child to take part which should be returned to me.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me on the school number or email address above.

Yours faithfully,



Mr D Williamson  
DWN/SJ/EBY

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**ABLE AND TALENTED - BRINE LEAS GOLD AWARD – Mr D Williamson**

Student's Name.....Progress Group.....

I do/do not wish for my child to take part in the Brine Leas Gold Award.

Signature of Parent/Guardian ..... Date.....