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Dear Parents/Carers

We recently wrote to you about our own extra-curricular pin badges, explaining how you can nominate your child to receive one of these in the next round of house assemblies. We have been really encouraged and heartened by the number of our students who are keen to collect these badges and so have been doing some investigating into what else our keen collectors can set their sights on!

We would like, therefore, to draw your attention to Blue Peter badges (yes, they're still around!) which students can apply for online and which get them into loads of attractions and locations across the UK for free (click [here](#) for the list!). There are over 200 attractions on the list, and include exciting days out and experiences like theme parks, zoos, gardens, castles and many more. If you're anything like us and love a freebie, this in itself is enough to make us want to apply!



If students apply for and earn these badges, we're more than happy for them to wear them on their school blazer so that they can celebrate their fantastic achievements, but make sure they (or you) let us know if they're successful too so that we can give them some House Points!

There are 9 different badges that students can apply for:

Blue badges are awarded for sending in interesting letters, stories, makes, pictures, poems, good ideas for the programme, and for having appeared on Blue Peter.

Purple Fan Club badges are awarded for joining in with the **Blue Peter Fan Club** and answering some questions about the show and the website.

The Silver badge celebrates kindness and doing something for others. This could be doing something to make a difference in their community, speaking up for what they believe in, or helping a friend.

The book badge is for young people who love reading and can demonstrate how much reading they've done and talk about the books that they love.

Green badges are awarded for showing how much they care about nature, the environment and sustainability and by demonstrating what they have done to save and protect the planet.

The Music badge is awarded to those who show off their passion for music by learning a new instrument or being part of a musical performance.

The Sport badge is awarded for getting active and trying a sport that they have never tried before.

The Orange badge is rare and awarded to winners and runners up of Blue Peter competitions.

The Gold badge is very rare indeed. Each year only a few Gold badges are awarded in exceptional circumstances for outstanding achievements, for example being solely responsible for saving someone's life, or showing amazing and unique bravery, courage and citizenship.

How to apply

Students can apply for these badges online, via [My Blue Peter](#) which requires a BBC account (free to get). Students can apply themselves, or you can apply for badges on their behalf. We'd encourage them to apply themselves as it's a great careers experience to fill in an application form, but we know some of them have very full lives and could do with the help!

As ever, please do keep us up to date with the wonderful things that your children are achieving. We love to hear about – and celebrate – what they're doing out of school as well as what they're doing when they're under our roof.

Kindest regards



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