**Junior Award Scheme for Schools (JASS) in Paisley Grammar School**

Dear Parent/Carer

During session 2015 – 16 each S1 pupil in Paisley Grammar School will have the opportunity to participate in and work towards the ***Junior Award Scheme for Schools*** (JASS) Silver Award.

This is a new award to be provided within the Broad General Education and one we feel will enhance the skills of our young people.

JASS is a structured accredited learning programme. The programme is flexible and can be tailored to the interests and abilities of individuals.

The award is progressive, through Bronze, Silver and Gold levels.

Each level requires four sections to be completed: **My Interests** (developing an interest or learning a new skill); **Get Active, Stay Active** (taking part in sport and physical activity); **Me and My World** (contributing to the local community); **Adventure** (outdoor activity and learning, including team work and problem solving).

During Session 2015 – 16 all S1 pupils will work towards the Silver Award.

While aspects of the programme will be delivered as part of the school curriculum, pupils will also gain accreditation for activities, clubs and interests pursued outwith school. A certificate will be awarded to participants on completion of the four sections. Participants who successfully complete all four sections will be awarded an overall certificate and badge.

Pupils will have an E - JASS online profile to record their progress. This profile will be supported by a paper Log Book and will cover:

* Level of participation
* Activities
* Targets set - signed by participant and teacher/mentor
* Start and finish date for each section
* Participant’s notes on what they achieved
* Teacher/mentor’s comments and signature to confirm completion

In addition, participants will be encouraged to add project material to their file to provide evidence of their achievements.

*Minimum time requirement table*

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|  | **My Interests** | **Get Active, Stay Active** | **Me and My World** | **Adventure** |
| **SILVER** | 12 hours over session 2015 - 16 | 12 hours over session 2015 - 16 | 12 hours over session 2015 - 16 | 5 hours over session 2015 - 16 |

**How You Can Assist**

Pupils have programme plan worksheet to plan how they will achieve accreditation for each of the four sections of the award. We would be grateful if you could discuss and complete the programme plan worksheet to assist us in helping your child plan for accreditation.

Individual, achievable, targets for each section should be set by each young person in consultation with their teacher and JASS mentor.

For each S1 Island Group the following teachers have been assigned to act as mentors:

1 Lewis 1 Mr Crawford

1 Lewis 2 Mr Currie

1 Mull 1 Mr Singh

1 Iona 1 Mrs Ciara

1 Skye 1 Mr McLeod

Each teacher will act as a mentor and hold regular meetings with all young people in their mentor groups to support them in achieving the award. Teachers will monitor the updating of each pupils’ online EJASS profile.

You, or another family member/friend, can become a mentor in, for example, cooking, computer programming, chess, sewing, cycling or whatever your child/young person has chosen to work on for their accreditation.

You can help your child to gather evidence for JASS by taking notes or keeping photographs, programmes/publicity materials or certificates.

External mentors such as club leaders can sign the JASS record sheets in the Achievement File to verify that your child has taken part in an activity and to record what they have learnt. We will provide a letter which pupils can give to club leaders, explaining JASS and asking for their help.

Additional information will be updated on our new school website

[www.paisleygrammar.com](http://www.paisleygrammar.com)

This information can be found through the following path:

*About our School – Recognising Achievement – Junior Award Scheme for Schools*

Please do not hesitate to contact the school with any comments or queries about the scheme. Any queries should be directed to me.

Thank you

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