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Thomas Acres School – Updated Merit Award System

Dear Parents,

At Thomas Acres, we take great pride in our commitment to fostering positive behaviour and academic success among our students. As part of our efforts to motivate and reward students for their hard work, we are excited to announce an **updated Merit Award System** for this school year. This system has been designed to not only acknowledge students' individual achievements but also to encourage continuous effort and improvement throughout their school years.

What's New?

This year, the Merit Award System has been updated, requiring students to earn more merits to progress through the tiers. This change reflects the addition of new mini merits, such as the attendance and quality achievement awards, introduced over the past two years. The system will still reward students with certificates and badges at various levels, allowing them to trade their awards for higher-level achievements as they progress.

How It Works

1. White Merit Awards:

- Students will start by earning **mini white merit awards** for positive behaviour, academic achievement and contributions to the school community.
- **5 mini white merit awards = 1 White Award.**

2. Bronze Award:

- Once a student has earned **4 white awards**, they will receive a **Bronze Certificate and Badge** with a **bronze chip**.
- This process is the same for **Silver** and **Gold** levels.

3. Silver and Gold Awards:

- After earning their **bronze** certificate and chip, students can work towards the **Silver Certificate and Badge** and finally, the **Gold Certificate and Badge**.



Key Points for Parents to Remember:

- The **Merit Award System** is designed to encourage ongoing progress, recognising efforts in all aspects of school life.
- **No Year 6 student will be disadvantaged** due to this change in our award structure. We will ensure that all students continue to be supported and rewarded as they work towards their goals.
- Students will be responsible for tracking and trading their awards as they accumulate them. They will have the opportunity to keep their awards and exchange them when they're ready.

Thank you for your continued support!