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Dear Parent/Carer

Sports School of the Year Award 2016 – nominations

I am writing to you to ask for your assistance in helping Aylsham High School gain recognition in the Active Norfolk Sports School of the Year Award 2016. The annual award is judged on nominations and testimonies that each school receives highlighting the following area -

‘A school that gives its students a wide range of opportunities to participate in high quality physical education and extra-curricular sport and physical activity. The school should demonstrate how it engages with all young students and effectively transitions young people into community activity’.

I am writing to ask for support in our application to receive this prestigious award.

Aylsham High School was awarded the Broadland District Council Sports School of the Year 2014/15 for ‘providing exceptional sports opportunities for students’. Providing these exceptional sporting opportunities for all is at the heart of our school ethos. We are also very proud to have recently received the Sainsbury’s School Games Mark Award. This award is judged on the level of participation within lunchtime clubs and school fixtures, the support we offer to our talented performers, the opportunities we promote for students to access local club sport and the level of provision we provide for sports leadership opportunities.

All students receive two hours of high quality PE provision a week and we have exceptional levels of participation. All students have the opportunity to attend a lunchtime club each day and the clubs cover a broad range of sports. The school has an excellent level of participation in local leagues, county cups and North Norfolk Partnership events which encourage and provide exceptional opportunities for our students to enjoy competitive sport at a high level. The school also has numerous links with community sports clubs where students successfully participate. The success of offering these opportunities can be seen in the large number of students with representative honours for North Norfolk, Norfolk and England. Regular interhouse sporting events and whole school sporting events such as cross county and sports days ensure all students benefit from the opportunities Aylsham High School provides.

Aylsham High School provides sports leadership and coaching opportunities for all key stage 4 students through delivering the Aylsham Sports Leaders Award and FA Junior Football Leaders Award. These opportunities can provide the first step to a career in sport and are supported through work placements offered within the PE department. Our young sports leaders deliver daily lunchtime activities, which have been a huge success.
Aylsham High School offers extended sporting opportunities beyond the classroom. The biannual football, rugby and skiing tours promote personal and cultural development and have provided students with the chance to experience once in a lifetime opportunities. The annual Twickenham trip to watch a rugby international fixture and the opportunity for key stage 3 students to represent the school by playing at Carrow Road again highlight Aylsham High School’s commitment to providing exceptional sports opportunities for our students.

The Active Norfolk Sports School of the Year Award is a highly competitive category and we need your support. We would love to receive this accolade to exemplify the work we do and for the students to gain the credit for all their efforts. It would be fantastic if you could support our aim in achieving this award. We would ask if you could submit an application to Active Norfolk through their website at http://www.activenorfolk.org/sportsawards.

The deadline for nominations is midnight on Sunday, 16 October 2016. Thank you in advance for your support.

Yours sincerely

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Head of PE