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Dear Parents/Carers,

RE: 'Excellence in Education'

I wanted to write to you today with some extremely positive news about Beacon Hill Academy. Beacon Hill Academy has been recognised nationally by 'Pearson National Teaching Awards' for 'Excellence in Education'. The award, titled "The 2021 Lockdown Hero Award for Learner & Community Support" is a testament to the hard work of our staff, learners and their families during all three UK lockdowns, both academically and socially. This is an award for all of us, as a community.

The award recognises the academy's work during all three lockdowns, swiftly putting into place a high-quality distance learning programme through the academy website and Microsoft Teams. In addition, from a wellbeing point of view, the award focuses on the support work offered to all families via form tutor phone calls and other methods to check on how everyone was coping with the lockdown and if there was anything we could do to support you.



We are extremely proud of this award and feel that is an excellent testament to the hard work and commitment of not only our staff, but also all of our learners. Of course, it is also important to remember that our learners would not be successful without the support of their families – so for this, we would like to say **"Thank you"** to you all, too!

Our staff were thanked for their hard work on Wednesday's "Thank a Teacher Day" where Jo Higgins, Chief Executive – Dudley Academies Trust, presented the award to staff and

invited them to our socially-distanced garden party after school. The Express & Star were also on-site to speak to staff and learners about their work during lockdown, and the new award.

If you would like to read more about this achievement, you can do so in the Express & Star's write up of the award here: <https://www.expressandstar.com/news/education/2021/06/25/black-country-school-receives-award-for-its-response-to-pandemic/>

Yours faithfully,

Mr S Dhami
Principal



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