



Sir Harry Smith Community College

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Dear Parent/Carer

2020 STEM Scholars Programme

I would like to invite your son / daughter to join our 2020 STEM Scholars Programme. This is an exciting new programme that has been developed by three well regarded educational charities and is funded by ARM, one of the World's leading technology companies.

The aim of the programme is to work with carefully selected high ability students as they move through Secondary school from year 9 to year 13, enabling them to achieve their full potential. The programme has a focus on Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths and hopes to inform students of the many opportunities and encourage students to consider further study and careers in these areas.

The programme will offer all the students involved many opportunities to take part in projects, events and courses over the next five years. The experience will be invaluable in developing a wide range life skills and will also add strength to university applications, which we hope will ensure those students applying for places at the very best universities will be successful.

This is a fantastic opportunity but will also require a commitment and genuine interest from the students involved. If your child would like to be involved we are running an introductory event for you and your child from 5:30 – 7pm on 2nd March 2015. This event will include an introduction to the types of activities the students will taking part in over the next 5 years, it will also give you the opportunity to find out more and ask any questions you may have about the programme.

I have enclosed an information sheet with this letter which gives a more detailed overview of the programme and it's aims.

Please complete the reply slip below and return it to the science department at the college.

Yours sincerely

Jane Roughley
(Curriculum Leader for Science)

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PLEASE RETURN TO THE SCIENCE DEPARTMENT **STEM 2020 Scholars Programme**

I would / would not like my child to be involved in the STEM 2020 Scholars Programme

We will / will not be attending the STEM event on 2nd March. There will be ____ people attending on 2nd March (please include your child here, no more than 3 people in total to attend per family)

Signed..... Date.....