

Dear All

## **Character Awards**

You may already be aware that the Department for Education this week launched the '[2015 Character Awards](#)' which are celebrating excellence and diversity in the development of character.

The National Society has said,

The Church of England has encouraged schools in its network to apply for the Department for Education's recently launched Character Awards. The awards have been set up by government to celebrate excellent work by schools in fostering positive virtues in young people.

Speaking after the launch of the awards the Church of England's Chief Education Officer, Revd Nigel Genders, said:

"Church of England schools can be proud of the fantastic work they are doing to ensure that school isn't just about learning to read and write, it is a time for young people to explore who they are and build the character which will shape the rest of their lives.

"I hope that we can communicate this to the Department for Education with a flood of strong applications for these awards from Church of England schools."

Schools wishing to celebrate their hard work can do so by [making an application here](#). The Department for Education have also published [guidance on the assessment criteria](#) which will be used in judging the awards.

Best wishes for the new term

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