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Dear Parents/Guardians

### **Year 10 Sports Leaders 2022-2023**

For a number of years we have been going into our feeder primary schools delivering lessons and mini competitions in a variety of sports and activities. The Sports Leadership programme was set up to give potential leaders at Arden the opportunity to work with younger pupils and develop their skills as coaches and officials. It has been incredibly successful with more and more of our students wishing to take part. Students from Arden are recognised by outside agencies as providing mature, reliable leaders and we are regularly invited to provide leaders to officiate at County and Regional competitions.

If your child would be interested to join the Sports Leadership programme I wanted to let you know a little of the background, expectations and organisation involved. Visits to the local primary schools in Knowle, Dorridge and Bentley Heath currently take place on Wednesday afternoons. The students leave school after lunch; they walk to the primary school, arriving at the primary school by 1.25pm where a member of staff will meet them. If they live near the primary school we are visiting, they may be dismissed from there, usually at about 3.15pm. Any student who is missing lessons is expected to check with staff prior to the visit to ensure that they do not have tests, controlled assessments etc, which they must not miss. They are also expected to make up any missed work in their own time and do any homework which has been set during the lessons they have missed. Students will not be allowed to visit more than once during a half term block; they might, however, in addition to this be asked to help at one inter school competition at Arden during school time. They must wear smart Arden PE kit and conduct themselves appropriately whilst on route to the school and during the sessions. There is also an expectation that pupils will attend a 1 hour meeting at the start of the year and a 30 minute session on the beginning of each half term for an overview of the activity that half term. If they fail to attend these meetings, then they risk their place on the Leadership programme.

All students will be given advice on safeguarding. They will be supervised by staff during these visits. Students will be also be given guidance regarding safety protocols when visiting and leading sessions to ensure their safety and the safety of others.

If your child wishes to join Arden's Sports Leadership programme they need to complete the google form that has been assigned to them as a homework on Edulink, on here they need to state 'why they would make a good Sports Leader and why they would like to be given the opportunity to represent the school in the community'. This application must be completed by Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July.

Yours sincerely

**Mr Weaver**  
**Teacher of PE**

