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Dear Parent/Carer,

### **Soham Village College Year 10 Sports Leaders & Dance Leaders**

As part of Year 10, PE students have the option to undertake the role of a Soham Village College Sports or Dance Leader. This is an exciting and fun course that builds students' confidence as well as life skills. Therefore, I thought it pertinent to run through the level of commitment required and a little about the course.

#### **Extended Contact Hours**

The awards are run within the school and are known as 'The Soham Village College Sports Leaders Award' and 'The Soham Village College Dance Leaders Award'. The awards are recognised as a leadership award by further education colleges. It is worth noting that leadership awards are always looked at very favourably by colleges.

The awards require guided learning hours in the form of one hour a week in lesson time running alongside core PE. **Although this demand can be mostly met during lesson time, the course cannot be achieved without additional volunteer contact hours in the school day, lunch time, after school and outside of school.** An evidence log in the form of a booklet must be completed and any volunteering hours must be logged. Many of these hours will be held at Soham Village College in the form of tournaments and festivals run for the local primary schools, which your child will help organise, manage, lead, officiate, and generally help out where needed to gain extra hours. It can also be achieved through lunch time clubs and assisting in extra-curricular activities after school as well as assisting in the running of clubs in the local primary schools and end of year sports days at both the college and also local primary schools.

It is important to be aware that there will be occasions when your child will miss some school lessons due to Sports/Dance Leaders commitments and any work missed must be caught up in their own time. Your child will be informed about this. Once students have acquired the relevant leadership skills they will have a final assessment involving the local primary schools in an activity they have created, which will be independently assessed. The final award will be based on their final assessment and also their work as a Sports/Dance Leader throughout the past year. The award itself has a pass (bronze), merit (silver), distinction (gold). There is also a pass for any student completing the course, but not attending the final assessment. There is also a fail for students failing to complete the necessary hours.

As Sports/Dance leaders they will be role models to other students whom they are leading, whether they are students from the local primary schools or peers. As such there are expectations that a Sports/Dance Leader must follow. These include always removing all jewellery (this is a health and safety issue and there is no compromise), not carrying phones (unless needed for an activity), hair tied back and correct Sports Leaders kit. Please can parents discuss this with students so they are clear and fully aware of these expectations.

#### **Soham Village College Sports Leadership uniform (Polo shirt)**

One of the benefits of the Sports Leaders course is that students will have a personalised Soham Village College 'Sports Leaders' polo shirt. This will have the Soham Village College emblem on the right-hand side and their own initials on the left-hand side along with 'Sports Leaders' or 'Dance Leaders' on the back. This is to facilitate a team atmosphere and positive working relationship and also gives the Sports/Dance leaders an identity within Soham Village College and outside. These polo shirts can also be worn within normal indoor



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PE lessons in both year 10 and year 11. The polo shirts are the same make as the school PE tops except they are a different colour and have Sports/Dance Leaders on the back and the student's initials.

The cost for the polo shirt and initials is **£25.00**. For those students whom the school received additional Pupil Premium funding, there will be a contribution but that this will depend on the number of students who apply, further details will follow once applications have closed.

Lastly, there are only an initial 44 places for the Sports Leaders and 44 places for Dance Leaders with a minimum of 16 on each course in each band. Students will be picked on their interests in leadership within physical activities, effort, behaviour and standard of work in their previous PE lessons. **You do not have to take GCSE PE to apply for this, and the award is not necessarily for sports high achievers but for students who have an interest in working within sport in a leadership role and working with young students.**

To apply for a place please complete the reply form here: [PE: Year 10 Sports / Dance Leaders Application – Fill out form](#) or by the QR code below by Friday 12 June 2026. Once places are allocated, we will send out letters to successful students with further details including instructions on when to pay on ParentPay.



Yours sincerely,

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