

## **July 2017 News** – from the Science Award Trust team of volunteers

We have just upgraded our web site, so we hope you will find it more user-friendly. It is now responsive so it should be much easier to use on whatever device you are using whether computer, mobile phone, tablet etc. We have also updated our ordering form so you will be able to fill it in on line and just click on send. Thanks so much to Angela and Stuart.

We have been making some other changes including renaming the Science Certificates “Explorer “ and “Advanced Explorer” badges, with badges replacing certificates – as students seem to like these better. Have a look and see what you think.

We are updating the activity cards for many of the Science Badges, as some are rather out of date. We try to do some each year. We have updated the “Investigation” badge card and we are in the process of updating the Botany, Psychology, Marine biology, Home Chemistry, Chemical Processes, Human Biology, Electronics, Technology and Geology cards. The new versions should all be available later this year.

We have also decided to introduce Star Badges as a reward for those students who complete a number of Science Badges. Some of you may have already seen them. When a student completes the required number of badges: Bronze (5) , Silver (10) and Gold (15), the teacher sends the evidence of the completion to [Nick Atkins](#) who will supply the appropriate star badge. This is free for the school and student.