

SCIENCE AWARD TRUST© Information for teachers

The Explorer Badges are the renamed Science Certificate Scheme, with certificates replaced by attractive badges.

They are aimed at students in Year 5 (Explorer Badge) and Year 6 (Advanced Explorer Badge) although it is an excellent source of remedial work for some senior students or extension work for more able junior students.

The Year 6 Advanced Explorer Badge is similar to the Year 5 Explorer Badge covering the Nature of Science and the Science Capabilities and offering a more advanced range of extension activities and skills. Students complete eight activities from each of the four categories including a technology-based task to qualify for a very attractive badge. The student's progress is monitored with stickers in a booklet, which contains the activities. The activities are designed to be completed by the students in their own time but they are also ideally suited for class project work.

The categories are the same as the science curriculum: The Living World; The Physical World; The Material World; Planet Earth and Beyond. To facilitate students receiving their badges as soon as possible, activity sheets and badges will be supplied to the school in one package, negating the need for a second mailing. Schools should hold the badges and issue these to the students on a satisfactory completion of the activity sheet. This kit contains information sheets for the school coordinator.

Scheme Coordinators: Your role should be minimal. You should: Copy and distribute to each class teacher multiple copies of "Some Information for Teachers". This contains an outline of the Explorer Badge Scheme. At suitable intervals collect the activity sheet requests and after entering the information on the enclosed order form (or download the order form from the web site) send the money and the order form to: The Science Badge Coordinator, 21 Kingrove Street, Bishopdale, Christchurch 8053 · Award a Badge when students have completed the four categories. Act as arbiter to ensure some uniformity of standard within your school. Your help in the coordinating of this scheme is very much appreciated by the organisers of the scheme.