

## School Background

Saffron Walden County High School is a specialist technology school with approximately 2,000 pupils enrolled. The school have been using Bromcom since 1999 for primarily registration purposes.

In 2005, the school approached Bromcom in search of a system to recognise and validate student academic excellence, effort, extra curricular accomplishment and citizenship.



## What is e-Awards?

Since 2005 Saffron Walden County High School has been implementing an Awards scheme where pupils are being accredited for a broad range of experiences and achievements.

e-Awards is a web-based system used by Years 9, 10 and 11 recording student achievement throughout their school life.

Pupils are rewarded with points in various categories such as for effort in non-examined subjects, grade improvements, and for involvement in social activities. e-Awards uses the school's existing assessment data as well as input from the pupils themselves.

At the end of the school year, the pupils at Saffron Walden County High School are awarded a certificate: a pass, merit or distinction.

e-Awards gives pupils a record of all their achievements during their time at the school which is particularly useful when seeking employment, writing CVs, university applications etc. All the information is in one place.

e-Awards provides pupils with a tool encouraging them to fully engage with all opportunities available to them.

The software can be used alongside other Bromcom software or as a stand alone product.

## Staff Access

When a teacher logs into the e-Awards module, he/she is presented with their own form group. The teacher can access each pupil's individual progress against the various Awards pass marks.

Event requests by students are confirmed or declined by the teacher. New events can be added against students.

A summary report is available listing the pupils and tutor groups of those who have achieved pass marks. The data can be viewed as bar charts in each category.

The Administrator has the power to add, edit and delete events and the points allocated to an event.

*"Students find the software is easy to use; it is this which allows them to take responsibility for keeping a record of their activities and contributions."*

Mark Vaughan-Shaw,  
Diploma Coordinator/Teacher  
Saffron Walden County High School



## Benefits of implementing the e-Awards scheme

- e-Awards motivates pupils by giving them a greater awareness that their contributions are valued and recognised by the school.
- Pupils can input and monitor their personal achievements at all times.
- By the end of the scheme, pupils have their very own personalised record of all their achievements and contributions to enhance their future prospects.
- Parents can be more involved in their child's education by accessing and tracking their child's progress.
- Graphs provide users with a quick and simple overview of the pupil's achievements.

### e-Awards at Saffron Walden County High School

Pupils at the school obtain points in four different categories that are, once validated by their teacher, added to their e-Awards record:

1. Academic Points:  
for effort and attainment in externally examined subjects and effort in non examined core subjects (entered automatically into e-Awards from the reporting stage)
2. Core Points:  
for meeting academic targets
3. Enrichment Points:  
for extra-curricular achievements such as sports, music and clubs
4. Service/Community Points:  
for contributions to the school and community

Pupil points are displayed graphically on the pupil's own homepage to enable him/her to see at a glance their progress.



e-Awards encourages and provides a framework for students to achieve their personal best and to be recognised for it. As points are rewarded when pupils take part in community schemes, it helps them to appreciate and learn about being socially responsible.

While undertaking the scheme, pupils endeavour to collect points for their achievements. These points are assigned to different categories reflecting the variety of school life.

Apart from the Academic Points, the other 3 point categories (on the left), must be submitted by the pupils themselves and are approved by the Form Tutor before being added to the e-Awards total.

*"The software has evolved following consultation to make it more efficient and to allow data to be easily exported."*

*This has allowed us to identify excellent achievement and also to identify, and then encourage, students who are not contributing."*

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