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Dear Jane,

afPE Quality Mark for Physical Education & Sport - Distinction

Thank you for your re-application for the Quality Mark for Physical Education & Sport award.

The assessment panel has considered your re-application, together with the feedback from the validation visit, and afPE is delighted to award your school the **Quality Mark with Distinction** for **'demonstrating outstanding commitment to improvement in Physical Education and Sport'**.

Your re-award is valid for three years, commencing December 2018.

Your area for development as outlined by your validator is:

- The Director of Sport should build on the work done in this application to continue to focus on actual impact on pupils, as a result of the outstanding provision.

You will receive a certificate, an engraved plaque and your school will also be listed on the afPE Quality Mark webpage. In addition the Association will submit a report to the Department for Education (DfE) which will include details of the successful applicants.

On behalf of the Association, I would like to offer you our congratulations.

Yours sincerely,

Sue Wilkinson MBE
afPE Chief Executive Officer



Reasons for a Distinction award as outlined by your validator:

Achievement

- Pupils make excellent progress according to their ability; individual teaching, support and interventions enables all pupils to achieve according to their potential.

Quality of teaching

- The Quality of Teaching and Learning is outstanding - there is a broad programme of professional learning (need identified through effective performance management) which results in increased staff skill set. As a result pupils make excellent progress and develop good sporting skills, new experiences involving taking risks whilst keeping fit which in turn supports their mental health. E.G. Daniel, one of the pupils I interviewed spoke with great passion about how boxing had changed his whole attitude to life; he now aspires to join the army when he leaves school.

Curriculum provision

- Broad and balanced with opportunities to take part in a considerable number of additional activities.
- The curriculum is 100% inclusive and this has a profound impact on achievement particularly through development of emotional well-being - Because the pupils feel safe, secure and happy they rise to the challenges set.

Leadership and management

- Leadership of the Director of Sport is visionary - provision is exceptional in terms of meeting pupils' needs; this ensures they learn to live healthy active lifestyles which support their physical and mental health.
- Her work with the YST on inclusion is highly regarded and Durham Trinity School and Sports College is the lead school