



Victoria Lane Academy Recognised for Excellence in Science Teaching

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Pictures: Pupils at Victoria Lane Academy engaging in star gazing and space related activities.

Victoria Lane Academy has today been awarded the prestigious GOLD Space Education Quality Mark, in recognition of its excellent work compared nationally.

UK schools and colleges receive the Space Education Quality Mark when they can show that they have significantly used the context of space in subjects, have worked with other organisations, shared resources and used space to enrich the curriculum.

The Space Education Quality Mark was created by ESERO-UK, which supports the space sector and teachers to open doors for young people from all backgrounds, by delivering inspiring world-class teaching in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) subjects.

SEQM Assessors comment:

What a phenomenal submission! Lucy and Sara have achieved so much and have been so committed to their school becoming a beacon for Space Education in the North East – and they have succeeded. The school absolutely makes the most out of every opportunity that comes their way and both Lucy's and Sara's passion for science teaching and learning has an incredible impact on everyone they work with; teachers, pupils and parents. Without any reservation I strongly recommend Victoria Lane for the SEQM Gold award in recognition of the extraordinary work that takes place there - how lucky Victoria Lane pupils are to get such an amazingly rich range of unique learning experiences.

Alex Brown, European Space Education Resource Office Manager at STEM Learning, said: "We are delighted to congratulate Victoria Lane Academy on receiving the GOLD Space Education Quality Mark. Each school and college who receives the Space Education Mark has demonstrated a real and ongoing commitment to excellent STEM education in their school. Victoria Lane Academy is a great example of this."

To help achieve a world-leading STEM education for all young people across the UK, teachers, teaching assistants or technicians from other primary or secondary schools and colleges, including independent schools can apply for the Space Education Quality Mark.

More information is available at ESERO-UK's website <https://www.stem.org.uk/esero/space-education-quality-mark>.