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DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD SCHEME

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE) aims to provide for young people an enjoyable, challenging and rewarding programme of personal development which is of the highest quality and the widest reach.

The key principles of the award are that it should be:

Non-competitive – a personal challenge, not a competition

Available to all – anyone can do it!

Voluntary – it is up to the individual what they do, it is their leisure time

Flexible – the programme is designed by the individual, for them

Balanced – it will stretch them in all directions

Progressive – they improve at their own pace

Achievement focused – they can't fail

A marathon, not a sprint – it takes more than a short burst of enthusiasm

Personal development – it's the taking part that matters; getting an award is the icing on the cake

Enjoyable – it's about getting out there and having fun!

The Bronze award comprises four elements: physical, skill, volunteering and expedition, and there is a broad range of activities that can be chosen for each of the elements.

We are now accepting registrations from year 9 students for the Bronze Award.

Once a student has completed his/her registration and has been accepted on the award they will receive a registration pack. Students need to complete the application pack and hand back to student reception desk on the given deadline.

From here they can start thinking about what they would like to do for the physical, skill and volunteering elements of the award. They can start these as soon as their choices have been approved by the award leader in school.

There is an initial cost of £35 to register and fund training activities (please note this is non-refundable) and payable via ParentPay.



Expedition training

Bronze training will take place some Wednesday evenings, dates will be arranged well in advance.

Throughout the award there will be further costs attached to the practice and assessed expeditions; these vary depending on the length of the expedition and the location, but will include the cost of transport, mountain leaders, equipment hire and maps. All students must provide their own rucksacks, sleeping mats, sleeping bags, walking boots, outdoor clothing, waterproofs and food.

Expedition costs

In the past the approximate total cost of expeditions was £100 per student.

These costs are a guide only and exact costings will be calculated during the year. If students do not reach the required standard on their practice expedition, they will be expected to complete a second practice expedition which will incur a further fee.

The practice expedition and final expedition are planned to take place during activities week (July 15th-July 18th 2019).

Detailed information about the award in general can be obtained from the D of E website, www.dofe.org.

Please can you complete the attached registration form and hand it in to the student reception desk by Fri 25th January 2019.

Regards,

Mr D. Bayne, Miss R Morgan, Mr. P Williams

D of E Co-ordinators

