



16 April 2024

Dear Parents and Carers of Year 10 Duke of Edinburgh Students,

Next Steps for the Bronze Award

We are pleased to update you on the progress of your child's participation in the Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) Bronze Award program.

Firstly, we would like to extend our sincere congratulations to your child for their commitment and dedication thus far. Engaging in the DofE program is a fantastic opportunity for personal growth, skill development, and adventure, and we are thrilled to see your child embrace these challenges.

As your child moves forward in their DofE journey, we want to ensure that you are aware of the next steps involved in completing the Bronze Award. Below, we have outlined the key milestones and activities your child will undertake:

- 1. Skill Development:** Your child will continue to develop and refine their chosen skill over the coming months. Whether it's learning a musical instrument, improving a sport, or acquiring a new hobby, this aspect of the award encourages personal growth and perseverance.
- 2. Physical Activity:** Encouraging an active lifestyle is an essential component of the DofE program. Your child will be expected to engage in regular physical activity and record their progress as they work towards achieving their goals.
- 3. Volunteering:** Giving back to the community is a core value of the DofE program. Your child will have the opportunity to volunteer their time and skills to make a positive impact on others. We encourage them to explore different volunteer opportunities and find a cause they are passionate about.
- 4. Expedition Preparation:** We are excited to announce that the residential component of the Bronze Award will be a two-day, one-night expedition scheduled to take place on **Friday 20 – Saturday 21 September** at Squirrel Wood Scout Campsite. This will be a wonderful opportunity for your child to apply the skills they have learned and bond with their peers in an outdoor setting.

To ensure that all paperwork is complete, or if anyone has any issues or questions they want to ask there will be an optional drop in session every Wednesday in M5 starting on **Wednesday 24 April** 2.35pm-3:25pm

Prior to the expedition, your child must complete five mandatory training sessions. These sessions will cover essential topics such as navigation, campcraft, first aid, team building, and safety procedures. The training sessions will commence on the following dates after school 2:35pm – 3:35pm:

- Session 1: Map Reading – W/C **3rd June 2024**
- Session 2: Tent Building – W/C **10th July 2024**
- Session 3: Camp Cooking – W/C **17th July 2024**
- Session 4: Team Building – W/C **9th September 2024**
- Session 5: Kit Packing – W/C **16th September 2024**

Thank you for your continued support of the Duke of Edinburgh program. Should you have any further queries about your child's progress on the DofE scheme please don't hesitate to contact me via the school office.

Kind regards,

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