

24 January 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians of Year 9 Students

Duke of Edinburgh’s (DofE) Award Scheme

We are now ready to launch the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme to Year 9 Students.

To gain the Bronze Award students must undertake four separate sections: Volunteering – Physical – Skill – Expeditions (two x two days). Students will also be required to attend training after school (once a week) up to the dates of their expeditions.

The enrolment fee will be approximately £40 and students will also have to pay for transport and camping fees for the expeditions, this will cost approximately £20 each per expedition. Students will also have to self-fund any expenses incurred for the volunteering, physical and skill sections. We may also be arranging a day of navigation training which will cost approximately £20 per student. **THEREFORE A TOTAL COST APPROXIMATELY £100.**

The provision of equipment for expeditions is generally also the responsibility of the student although we do have some available for loan.

WE WILL NOT ALLOW STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE EXPEDITIONS UNTIL THEY HAVE FULLY COMPLETED ONE OTHER SECTION AND HAVE MADE SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS IN THE TWO OTHER SECTIONS. Please be aware that the enrolment fee is NON-REFUNDABLE should a student not meet this target or decides not to proceed after payment.

More information and details of the DofE award can be found at www.dofe.org or please contact Mr Bovington or Mrs Ressel at the Academy.

If, after discussion with your son/daughter, you would like to express an interest in them taking part then please complete the slip below and return it to reception by Friday 1st February 2019. Please be aware that places are limited and, should we be over-subscribed, a selection process will take place based on various criteria.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs S Ressel and Mr A Bovington
Joint TQEA Co-ordinators of The DofE Award

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Having read the above letter and considered the **financial cost and time commitment** necessary to undertake the DofE Award Bronze level, I would like to express an interest in my son/daughter enrolling on the scheme.

Student Name:.....

Parent/Guardian Signature:.....

Date:.....

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