



September 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian,

This academic year there is an opportunity for your son/daughter to participate in the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award. The award provides young people the opportunity to complete different activities including learning new skills, developing physical abilities and volunteering in their local community. It will also involve 2 walking expeditions in the local area.

This is a prestigious award scheme for your son/daughter to partake in as they can work towards developing skills in leadership, problem solving, teamwork, communication and survival – all of which are transferable to school, and eventually work and life. It is a highly respected achievement and is looked upon favourably by future employers.

The total cost to be able to complete the Award is £205 and this covers the enrolment fees, equipment, as well as the expedition and training costs.

On Thursday 17th October there will be a Duke of Edinburgh information where I will discuss through the Bronze Award in more detail and there will also be a talk by the company (WayAhead) who run the expeditions. This will take place in the Main Canteen from 6:30 – 7:15pm. If you are interested in your son/daughter participating in the award I strongly recommend attendance to this meeting.

Attached to this letter is an enrolment form should you wish for your son/daughter to participate in the Award. Equally there will be the opportunity to fill one out after the information evening if you wish to require more information first. In order to enrol, pupils must have in place confirmation of their 3 sections and this is indicated on the form. Pupils will be given support to decide on what to do for their sections and this will be through some afterschool sessions with myself and the DofE team. The deadline for the form and non-refundable payment of £35 is **Friday 6th December**.

The dates of the expeditions that pupils will be involved in are as follows and pupils must be available for these dates.

Bronze practice expedition: Friday 11th September – Saturday 12th September 2020
Bronze qualifying expedition: Saturday 26th September – Sunday 27th September 2020

Any further questions please feel free to contact me on ekynaston@oakgrove.school

Kind regards,

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