

Our Ref: DF

September 2018

All Year 10 Parents/Carers

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award 2018/2019

This academic year we will once again be offering the Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Award to Year 10 pupils. The training sessions will be held on Wednesday evenings after school and will run from 3.00pm to 5.00pm (start date Wednesday 10th October 2018). Training sessions will cover the practical skills required for the Expedition section of the Award, such as; map reading/compass work, tent pitching, and basic first aid. Pupils will also receive guidance on the three other sections required for the Bronze Award.

Benefits

The award is widely recognised by employers and people involved in education. Some of the benefits to young people include developing self-confidence and self-reliance; gaining a sense of achievement and a sense of responsibility; discovering new skills, interests and talents and developing leadership skills and abilities. They can also discover exciting opportunities; make new friends; experience teamwork, problem-solving and decision-making; increase their motivation; enhance their self-esteem and develop their communication skills. They will also, of course, have fun!

Programme

The Bronze Award has 4 sections. The sections involve:

1. **Volunteering:**
Undertaking service to individuals or the community.
2. **Physical Activity:**
Improving in an area of sport, dance or fitness activities
3. **Skills:**
Developing practical, social skills or personal interests.

Students will select activities which they can participate in regularly for an hour a week.

4. **Expedition:**
The purpose of the Expedition is to encourage students to be self-sufficient and competent, to use a map and a compass to follow a route. Students will work in group sizes of between four and seven. They will be required to complete the following expeditions in order to complete the award

2 Day Training & Walk:

Dormston School - 30th March 2019 & Stiper Stones, Shropshire – 31st March 2019.

Attendance is compulsory for both days. If this session is missed pupils will not be allowed to complete the D of E Award with us.

Practise Expedition:

2 days/1 night walking expedition in the Long Mynd area of Shropshire – 18th/19th May 2019

Qualifying Expedition:

2 days/1 night walking expedition in the Llangollen area - 8th/9th June 2019

Transport will be by coach/minibus dependent upon numbers. Further details on expeditions will be given closer to the time.

Minimum time to complete the award: Bronze = 6 months.

Students must complete all expeditions for the award.

Costs:

- total cost of Bronze Award is £170;
- students need to pay a £50 registration fee as a deposit (This includes the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme administration fee and is therefore non- refundable);
- a further £120 is then payable by January for the above expeditions (to include petrol and camp fees for all expeditions, instructors’ fees at Navigation Education and an assessment fee for the final expedition with an Assessor);
- payments can only be made via ParentPay for which your child will require a barcode;
- please note there are limited places for this years’ Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award. If your child wishes to be considered to participate they should complete the enclosed application form and return to Mr Fox in A107 no later than Friday 22nd September 2018.

Equipment

Your son/daughter will be briefed on the equipment they will need to purchase and we suggest that they refrain from buying anything until then. Pupils will be required to purchase their own good quality walking boots, waterproofs and a lightweight sleeping bag. As members of the Award they are able to get 15% discount from Cotswolds Outdoors, who also give good advice about the correct equipment to buy. Equipment can also be purchased locally from “Go Outdoors” in Wolverhampton. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

D Fox

**Mr D Fox
Duke of Edinburgh Award Co-Ordinator
Dormston School**

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Reply Slip - Bronze Duke of Edinburgh’s Award 2018/2019

Pupil Name:

Form:

I would like to register my child’s interest in participating in the Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme and to request a ParentPay barcode for payment.

Signed:.....

Dated:

**Please return this reply slip to Mr D Fox in classroom A107
by no later than Friday 21st September 2018.**