



21 October 2024

Dear Parents / Carers

## DUKE OF EDINBURGH BRONZE AWARD

We are excited to offer your child the opportunity to work towards the Duke of Edinburgh (D of E) Bronze Award. This is an excellent scheme which improves independence, health, fitness, awareness of, and involvement with their community and increases their sense of adventure whilst equipping them with the skills to satisfy it.

There are four sections which make up the Bronze Award; one of which is the expedition which most people associate with the D of E awards. This involves training and preparation for a two-day, one night walking expedition that the students work in groups to plan a route to follow. They carry their own tent, sleeping bag, cooker and food, and follow their own route with distant supervision from a qualified Assessor. The training for this section will start in November 2024.

The other three sections are Skills, Physical and Volunteering. The students must commit approximately one hour per week for three months towards evidencing all three sections, and six months for one section (of their own choosing). These may be something they already do or may be something they start because of the Duke of Edinburgh Award. Two of these should be completed before their Practice Expedition, and the last one before their Qualifying Expedition.

Whilst we as a school will do our best to keep costs to a minimum, there is a cost of £90 which includes enrolment and the expedition (transport, camp site fees). Any equipment such as walking boots and sleeping bags that are of a personal nature that may be required will also need providing. Most of the sections can be completed with minimal financial input. We will not request payment initially but later in the year when students have settled into the program and are willing to continue through all sections.

If you are happy for your child to take part in this scheme, please ask your child to attend the meeting on **5 November at 12.35pm in S5**. We will provide advice about how to complete all sections at this meeting. A complete training schedule has been attached to this letter, although please be aware that there may be some minor changes.

The training for the expedition will start in November, and students should start their other sections at this time. If the student is committed to achieve the award, and are able to attend for at one of the Practice Expeditions and one of the Qualifying Expeditions, they will be able to enrol in February 2025.

If your child would like to take part, but there are financial or other constraints, please do not hesitate to contact me as the Duke of Edinburgh Scheme is available to all and we at John Flamsteed will endeavour to ensure that all can be included.

If your child would like to take part, please fill in the permission link:

<https://forms.office.com/e/Jxs5tdHqmf>

The deadline for registering on the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award programme is **Friday 8th November 2024**.

Yours sincerely

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