



FAIRFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

Year 10 Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award

Your child has expressed an interest in undertaking their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award during their time in Yr10. This letter will summarise the information you need to know and details the actions you now need to take if you wish for your child to participate in the Award Scheme.

- If your child chooses to undertake this award they will need to participate in a skill, a physical activity, volunteering and complete two expeditions (a practice and an assessed). Two of the three sections need to be completed for a period of 3 months and the third for a 6 month time period. Your child will need to start their skill, physical activity and volunteering by early December so they have enough time to complete these sections before they undertake their expeditions.
- All participants are registered online to carry out their award on eDofE. It is a vital part of the award that your child recognises the need to regularly check and update their sections on this website as this is the main channel of communication between myself and the participants. Once completed, all awards are submitted for approval via eDofE, therefore if your child has not been updating their profile regularly they will not receive their award.

Throughout the year there are some key dates that your child must attend. These are listed below:

- DofE after school sessions begin on **Wednesday 7th November** from **3.30-4.30pm**. Some sessions may be extended to 5pm.
- Training walk – **TBC**. Walking from school, students will walk in their expedition groups for around 4 hours. This is a chance for them to practice route planning, navigation and team work. Students will need to carry their rucksack with them in which they can carry water, a snack and waterproofs in. They will also need to have walking boots or stout footwear with them
- Practice Expedition –**Saturday 8th – Sunday 9th June**. Further details will be given nearer the time.
- Assessed expedition –**Saturday 6th – Sunday 7th July**. Further details will be given nearer the time.

Students are expected to source their own kit for the expeditions; however the school has a stock of limited items that can be booked out for expedition.

The only way to ensure the sustainability of running the award scheme here at Fairfield and to ensure commitment from the students is to make a charge of £95. Please confirm your child's place by returning the attached enrolment form to the school office and completing the payment of £95 on your ParentPay account. This amount will cover the cost of the registration with the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme and costs towards both the practice and assessed expeditions. The forms need to be received by the school before **Thursday 25th October**.

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to get in contact.

Yours sincerely

Mr C Giggie
Duke of Edinburgh Leader

Year 10 Duke of Edinburgh Award 2018-2019

Name of Student

Form

I would like my son/daughter to take part in Duke of Edinburgh Award. I will be using Parentpay to pay the £95 charge. I understand that students will need to commit to sessions after school from 3.30pm-4.30pm on a Wednesday, and will be required to undertake their different sections outside of school hours.

Signed parent/carer

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