

Dear Parents/Carers

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award

Your child has expressed an interest in undertaking their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award during their time in Year 9 and into Year 10. This letter will summarise the information you need to know and the actions you now need to take if you wish your child to participate in the Award Scheme.

- If your child chooses to undertake this award they will need to participate in four areas: a skill, a physical activity, a volunteering position and two expeditions (a practice and a real one). 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 as soon as they sign up so that they are well on their way to completing these sections before they undertake the expeditions.
- The expedition is often one of the most exciting parts of the Duke of Edinburgh award and really challenges students. As we have had a large uptake over the last couple of years, we have had to run multiple expeditions. **Students will be expected to have completed two sections before the expedition dates if they wish to participate in that element.**
- All participants are registered online on **eDofE** to carry out their award. 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 does not update their profile regularly, they will not receive their award.

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

- *DofE Enrolment Session*: This will be delivered in an assembly.
- *DofE after school sessions*: will begin **after school on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January**. Depending on numbers they may be split into two groups.
- *Practice Expedition – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March and Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March* Students will be assigned a group and one of the two days above for their practice expedition. They will set off from school in their expedition groups and walk for approximately 4 hours. This is a chance for them to practice route planning, navigation and teamwork. Students will need to carry a rucksack with them in which they can carry water, a snack and waterproofs. They will also need to have walking boots or stout footwear with them. Please note that groups are allocated in order to have minimum impact on the school day and not by friendship groups or prior commitments. There is an expectation that students who sign up for DofE, will abide by this with no fuss.
- *Assessed expedition –*  
**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May**; this is the **first** expedition day.  
**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> and Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June**; this is the **second** expedition day.  
Further details will be given nearer the time.

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



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To cover the cost of the registration with the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme and other administrative requirements, there is a charge of £50. Please confirm your child's place by returning the attached enrolment form to the school office and completing the payment of £50 on your Parent Pay account. You should be aware that there may be extra charges to cover the costs of campsites, etc., but these will be communicated in a letter nearer to the time.

The deadline for completed consent forms and payment is **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December** complete the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/e/M9fULaJqNx>

***Please complete BOTH the consent form and the payment before the deadline as not completing them before the deadline will result in them unable to take part in the course.***

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at school [smuirhead@fairfield.hereford.sch.uk](mailto:smuirhead@fairfield.hereford.sch.uk).

Yours faithfully

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