



10th December 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

At Great Sankey we aim to support our students to live by our values and mission statement and as such we expect them to:

- Take a pride and place in their community through active engagement
- Enjoy school, feeling happy and encouraged to participate in the opportunities offered
- Look after their well-being, by staying active and healthy
- Develop confidence, resilience and aspiration through learning new skills
- Develop independence and wider employment skills for life-long learning

To enhance these values, we offer all Year 9 students the chance to participate in the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh (D of E) Award Scheme.

To achieve the award students must make a commitment towards four sections for a period of time, spending a minimum of **1 hour per week** on each section. It will usually take at least 6 months to complete the Bronze programme.

-Volunteering section: 3 months.

-Physical: section 3 months.

Skills: Section 3 months.

-Expedition section: 2 days/1 night.

Students will be required to spend an extra three months on one of the Volunteering, Physical or Skill sections. It is entirely up to the individual; this should be decided at the beginning.

Students will only be allowed to participate in the expedition section through school if they have completed their 3-month sections by the Friday 29th April and are on track for completion for their 6-month section.



If you would like your daughter/ son to participate in the programme please complete the enrolment application form - link is attached on Class charts or use QR code below.



We ask for a contribution of **£100** per student, this covers enrolment onto the Award and some of the costs incurred in the expeditions, the remainder of which is subsidised by School.

There is a **£25 non -refundable deposit** payable immediately via Wise pay and two subsequent monthly instalments. We have to make a financial commitment when budgeting for equipment and other costs relating to the delivery of the award. After the final instalment date, no refunds will be available.

In the event of the expedition being cancelled due to a national lockdown, all money will be refunded above the **£25 non – refundable deposit**. Students will be recognised for their achievement of completing the other three sections and will be presented with a DofE Certificate of Achievement.

Please note, students will not be enrolled onto the scheme unless the deposit has been paid and the application form has been completed.

For more information about the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme and how it benefits young people please visit www.dofe.org.

I look forward to watching your child's amazing journey through the D of E award process.

Yours sincerely,

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