

Dear Parent/Carer

### **Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme last change to enrol.**

We would like to offer your child the opportunity to take part in the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. This is a nationally recognised award for 14 to 24-year olds which aims to inspire, guide and support young people in their self-development and help them to reach their full potential. The award provides a framework for a balanced programme of activities that help develop the whole person, including the chance to gain valuable skills and attributes sought after by employers and further educational establishments.

The award requires pupils to complete 3 sections; volunteering, a skill and a physical activity for a period of 3 to 6 months. This must be an activity outside of school hours and each activity should constitute about 1 hour per week for the 3 to 6 months and therefore requires a great deal of commitment from pupils. Under the current COVID restrictions there are still many ways that pupils can gain credit for these sections of the award such as daily walks for physical, helping around the house for volunteering, learning a new skill such as cooking.

The final section of the award is an expedition of 2 days and 1 night during which participants are completely self-reliant. We will run online sessions during school closure to ensure that pupils have the required skills. There will also be some practice day walks to be completed alongside the assessed expedition once COVID restrictions have been eased and it is safe to participate in expedition activities.

Taking part in the award is very rewarding. It is a great opportunity for young people - and is designed to be an adventure from start to end!

We aim to keep the costs of participating in the scheme minimal to ensure as many pupils can access the scheme. The enrolment cost to the scheme is £25 per participant. This covers the administration fees of the organisation. The additional cost will be for participating in the expedition section to pay for camping fees, transport and their own personal equipment and food. We hope to be able to provide equipment such as tents, rucksacks and will endeavour to keep costs as low as possible but estimate the cost to be around £25. If your child is in receipt of pupil premium funding then this can be used to cover the cost of enrolment to the scheme, please indicate on the application form if this applies to your child.

If you have any questions or queries then please do contact me and/or look at the Award website which has a huge amount of information and resources <https://www.dofe.org/>

Please complete the enrolment form here and complete payment of **£25** through the Scipay online system by Jan 25<sup>th</sup>. *(Please note this is a non-refundable enrolment payment)*

Yours sincerely



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