

12 July 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian

DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD SCHEME (BRONZE) – YEAR 9

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE) is a nationally and internationally recognised award, favoured by employers and universities alike. The programme builds confidence, dedication and commitment, attributes we all want to see in our young people, and demand for the DofE is greater today than ever before. You will be pleased to know, therefore, that Penwortham Priory Academy is a DofE licenced organisation and is offering this opportunity to pupils in Year 9.

Expectations of DofE

There are three progressive levels of DofE which, when successfully completed, lead to a Bronze, Silver or Gold Award. To achieve the Bronze Award at Priory, those taking part will complete a programme of activities in four sections that involve volunteering, physical/becoming fitter, developing a new skill and completing an expedition. Pupils must complete the first three sections before they will be invited on the expedition. They will need to complete a minimum of three months in each and choose one to focus on for six months.

Research has shown that young people completing the DofE gain key employability skills such as leadership, decision making, confidence, team working and understanding of others. The programme provides a sense of adventure and the DofE experience has a lasting impact on young people's behaviour, skills and life chances.

Before being enrolled onto the Bronze Award pupils wanting to participate are asked to complete a preliminary activity sheet and have this signed by me before Monday, 9 September, to ensure what they are planning to do is accepted.

Weekly sessions will start w/c 16 September and pupils will be split onto a Tuesday or Thursday group. These sessions will run from 3:10pm-4:00pm up until the expedition date in June, and they must attend these to achieve the award.

Information Evening – 10 September

There will be a parents and pupils information evening on Tuesday, 10 September at 5pm (for approx 45 minutes) should you wish to find out more about what is expected for the Bronze Award before making any commitment. If you would like to attend, please return the reply slip attached by Monday, 9 September. If you would like your child to participate but are unable to attend the event, please email me at m.cauchi@priory.lancs.sch.uk

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Fees

There is an initial non-refundable enrolment fee of £28 to be paid by Monday, 9 September (the same deadline as the preliminary activity sheet) and a further amount not exceeding £69 to be paid before the expedition. This will include transport/campsite fees/activities and camping equipment (excluding walking boots).

If you have any questions on any aspect of the award before the information evening, please feel free to email me.

Yours faithfully



Mrs Cauchi
Teacher of History

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REPLY SLIP: DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD INFORMATION EVENING 10 SEPTEMBER

(Please return to Mrs Cauchi by 9 September)

Name of pupil Class

My son/daughter is interested in the Duke of Edinburgh Award (Bronze) and we will be attending the Information Evening on Tuesday, 10 September.

Number in party attending

Signed (parent/carers) Date

Name (please print)