

Admin/Letters/RDA/PDA-FCL4111

30<sup>th</sup> April 2015

Dear Parents

### **DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD**

Your child has expressed an interest in starting the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award which is currently being offered to all Year 9 students.

The Duke of Edinburgh Award is a voluntary, non-competitive programme of practical, cultural and adventurous activities, designed to support the personal and social development of young people. It offers an individual challenge and encourages young people to undertake exciting, constructive, challenging and enjoyable things in their free time. The Award is widely recognised by educationalists and employers. Some of the benefits to young people include developing or discovering:

- A sense of achievement
- New skills and interests
- Self-confidence and self-reliance
- Leadership skills and abilities
- Exciting opportunities
- Experience of teamwork and decision making
- Enjoyment

There are four sections to the Award. Participants should complete a minimum of 1 hour a week over 3 months on each of the skills, volunteering/service and physical recreation sections, with an additional 12 hours over 3 months to be spent on one of the sections. Students will be expected to make their own arrangements for these sections although this could involve participation in an existing club either at school or elsewhere. In every case, an appropriate adult will be expected to act as a supervisor and complete a brief assessment of the participation in the activity. The fourth section is the expedition. This is a two day walking and camping journey which is arranged by the School. Full training will be given by members of staff who have experience leading expeditions in the UK and who hold nationally recognised qualifications. Students must complete a full practice walk before they can complete the assessed expedition.



If your child is interested in applying for a place, please fill in the reply slip below and return with the attached medical form to student reception by Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May.

The Award is a national charity and whilst receiving some funding from government and commercial sources, participants support the charity through the purchase of a Welcome Pack. The cost of the Award is £25.00 and this will be due with completion of the application form – this fee includes the enrolment fee and a welcome pack, practice walk, training morning, practice expedition and assessed expedition (excluding equipment hire charges). If you would like further information at this stage on the Duke of Edinburgh Award please visit their website [www.dofe.org](http://www.dofe.org).

Yours sincerely

Paul Davies  
Principal

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## Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award Application Form

Student Name: ..... Form: .....

My son/daughter would like to apply for a place on the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme and enclose the £25.00 enrolment fee.

Signed: ..... Date: .....  
Parent/Guardian

