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December 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,



DUKE OF EDINBURGH YEAR 9 BRONZE AWARD

Your child has the opportunity to take part in the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award. The award is certificated and aims for children to learn new skills, develop confidence and have a view on life that everyone is looking for, from employers to colleges and universities. It is also hoped they will make a difference to other people's lives and the local community, be fitter and healthier, make new friends and have memories that last a lifetime. Our aim as a school and as licensed DofE holders is to support our students in completing their Bronze Award (Year 9), Silver Award (Year 10) and finally their Gold Award (before they leave sixth form).

The Bronze Award Programme has 4 sections:

- Volunteering
- Physical
- Skills
- Expedition

Pupils need be in Year 9 to start the Bronze programme. They must do a minimum of 3 months' activity for the Volunteering, Physical and Skill sections, with 1 of these sections lasting for 6 months. It is your child's choice which one they choose and, although they may change their mind later, they should decide which section they want to do for longer, at the beginning. The course requires the pupils to plan, train for and carry out a training day and a 2-day (1 night) expedition for their final assessment. The training day will be at Colton Hills School on Saturday 15th March 2025. The expedition will be in Kinver on Saturday 12th July 2025 to Sunday 13th July 2025.

All equipment is provided for the expeditions except for walking boots, waterproofs and food; however, for your child to complete bronze it will be a total of £160. This includes equipment (rucksacks, tents, camping equipment and stoves), training day, two day expedition, certificate and badge award. In order to participate we need to ask for the following:

- A £40 non-refundable payment to enrol on the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze course by Friday 31st January 2025. Once they have enrolled onto the online portal their place cannot be transferred. This amount also includes the certificate and badge awarded upon completion and an administration fee.
- £20 will then need to be paid at the end of every month with the final payment on 25th July 2025. Payments can be paid in full.
- Complete and return the reply slip below **by Friday 13th December 2024**

All payments should be paid through the online ParentPay system, details of which can be found on the school's website or by visiting www.parentpay.com. The trip has now been added to the



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ParentPay website so those of you who already use ParentPay will now see the visit when you next log in.

If using ParentPay would cause genuine difficulties, please contact the Finance Team at the school to discuss alternative payment methods.

I do hope you will support your child in achieving this award.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at school should you wish to discuss the course further.

Yours sincerely

C Tolliday

Mrs C Tolliday

Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme Manager

***** Please complete and return to Student Reception for Mrs Tolliday – by Friday 13th December**

I give permission for my child to participate in the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award Programme and confirm that I will make the payments as outlined in the letter.

Student Name **Form Group**

Parent/Carer Name (print name)

Parent/ Carer Signature

Date