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Y9 D of E Award – BRONZE LEVEL

Dear Parent / Guardian

We held an assembly for Year 9 yesterday to introduce them to the Duke of Edinburgh's Award and I am delighted to inform you that your Son/Daughter has expressed an interest in the scheme.

The Award is a great achievement for its participants and recognised worldwide by employers and further education providers alike, as the number one accreditation scheme beyond exam results.

The opportunity to participate is now open to our Lower School students and we believe that this earlier participation will help more pupils achieve the award whilst aiding their transition to the Upper Site next year.

Parents/Guardians may wish to know that the school delivers the expeditions on a cost recovery basis. My role as manager and that of admin support is funded directly by the school itself. Only the cost of the expeditions are met through the charges. Equipment such as, tents, stoves, rucksacks can all be borrowed from the school free of charge and any monies remaining in the budget at the end of a financial year are reinvested into equipment and training for staff to facilitate future participation.

The full cost for this cohort will be £215.

The school will open an enrolment window from **Mon 19th March until Thurs 29th March 2018** for participants to secure a place. During this period, an initial payment of £100 will be required and payment made via SCOPAY.com or by returning a cheque to the Lower School Reception within a sealed envelope. Cheques should be made payable to 'Bridgewater High school' and marked on the back with 'D of E', 'your Childs name' and 'form'. We would also ask that all who sign up return the attached reply slip with preferred contact information to help us keep you updated with progress and information about the award.

The remaining balance of £115 will be due by the 1st of July.

Please note, a place on the expeditions will not be allocated without full payment being made by these dates.

Please take this opportunity to cross-reference the expedition dates at this point, as we are afraid this initial payment is non-refundable.

Expedition dates for 2018 are as follows:

Bronze Pre-expedition Training day – Monday 3rd September (STAFF INSET day)

Bronze Training Expedition Sat 29th and Sunday 30th September

Bronze Qualifying Expedition Sat 13th and Sunday 14th October



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Full details of locations will be issued nearer the time.

Please note that parents will be required to drop off and collect participants at their allocated venues, in Cheshire on the above dates and we would recommend organising lift sharing wherever possible.

Please be aware that in the unlikely event of a conflict in dates occurring or injury/illness preventing participation in any expedition you may not be eligible for a refund through the school insurance policy. Circumstances for a need to withdraw can vary wildly and I would ask you to contact me via email as soon as possible should any issues arise. There is an expectation that every participant must attend all **three** events in full to complete the expedition section.

Once we have a list of those wishing to take part we will order welcome packs and setup their eDofE profiles before inviting participants to an after school logging on session, due to take place during the first few weeks of the summer term. Here they will logon to their online accounts for the first time and begin registering their intentions. Staff will be on hand to answer any queries and provide guidance through the process. When choices have been submitted and approved, participants then simply need to follow their commitments and obtain that all import assessors report at the end.

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award is a fantastic opportunity and is available to every student within the school. If circumstances are such that the cost alone is a barrier to participation, please do get in touch.

A whole host of further information, advice and 'how to' guides are freely available on the internet and I would thoroughly recommend taking some time to access www.dofe.org for more information before committing to any payments.

I would just like to finish by taking this opportunity to thank you in advance for all the support you will undoubtedly be offering in the background to help facilitate your child's participation. If you have queries regarding any aspect of the award, please do not hesitate to get in touch via my email address at the top of this letter.

Yours Sincerely

Mr M Harnden
Duke of Edinburgh Award Manager





DofE Bronze Registration Year 9 – March 2018

Please return to Lower School reception no later than Thurs 29th March 2018

Name of Child _____

Registration Group _____

Please supply any information you wish to aid us with communication

Parental email _____

Student/Family email _____

I enclose a cheque for £100 £215

I have paid via SCOPAY £100 £215

I acknowledge the dates set for the expeditions and understand that refunds may not be possible should I ask for cancelation/postponement.

Signed _____

Print _____

Date _____

