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Y9 Duke of Edinburgh Award – BRONZE LEVEL

Dear Parent / Guardian

Earlier in the term I held some D of E Workshops at school for the whole Y9 cohort and am now delighted to be in a position now to offer your son/daughter the opportunity to register into this prestigious award 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 Y9, 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. 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 **Thursday 17th January until Thursday 31st January 2019** for participants to secure a place. During this period, an initial payment of £100 will be required and payment can be 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 is due no later than Friday 5th April 2019.

Please note, a place on the training and qualifying expeditions cannot be allocated to your child unless full payment is received by the above deadline date.

*Please take this opportunity to cross-reference the expedition dates at this point, as we are afraid this initial payment of £100 is **non-refundable**. Notice to remove yourself from the expeditions must be received via email before the end of the Summer Term 2019.*

The School's travel Policy does not cover cancelation due to; commitment clashes, illness, injury, nor does it cover, your personal possessions and equipment whist on expedition. Please ensure you have your own insurance in place to cover such eventualities.



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There is an expectation that every participant must attend both Training and Qualifying Expeditions in order to complete this Award in full.

Expedition dates for 2019 are as follows:

Bronze Training Expedition Sat 28th and Sun 29th September

Bronze Qualifying Expedition Sat 12th and Sun 13th October

Full details of exact locations will be issued nearer the time but please note that parents will be required to drop off/collect participants in Cheshire on the above dates and we would recommend organising lift sharing wherever possible.

After the deadline date of 31st January, we will order participant welcome packs and setup your child's eDofE profile before inviting participants to an after school logging on session. Here, participants will gain access 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. Further details of this after school session will be issued once your child has registered.

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 – January 2019

Please return to Finance , Upper Site no later than **Thursday 31st January**

Name of Child _____ DOB: _____

Form Group _____

Please supply any information you wish to aid us with communication

Parental email _____

Student/Family email _____

I enclose a cheque for £100 **(Non Refundable Deposit)** £215 (Payment in Full)

I have paid via SCOPAY £100 **(Non Refundable Deposit)** £215 (Payment in full)

I acknowledge the dates set for the Training and Qualifying expeditions and understand that refunds may not be possible should I need to cancel my childs place once they have been registered.

Signed _____

Print _____

Date _____

