

20th September 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

Y10 Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme – enrolment

Your child has expressed an interest in undertaking their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award during their time in Y 10. This letter will summarise the information you need to know and details the actions you now need to take if you wish your child to participate in the Award Scheme.

- If your child chooses to undertake this award, they will need to participate in a skill, a physical activity, volunteering and complete two expeditions (a practice and an assessed). Two of the three sections need to be completed for a period of 3 months and the third for 6 months. Your child will need to start their skill, physical and volunteering by November so they have enough time to complete these sections before they undertake their expeditions.
- All participants are registered online to carry out their award on eDofE. It is a vital part of the award that your child recognises the need to regularly check and update their sections on this website as this is the main channel of communication between myself and the participants. Once completed, all awards are submitted for approval via eDofE, therefore if your child has not been updating their profile regularly they will not receive their award.

Throughout the year there are some key dates that your child must attend. These are listed below:

- DofE after school sessions begin on **Wednesday 11th October** from **3.30-4.30pm**. Some sessions may be extended to 5pm.
- Training walk – **24th April 2018**. Walking from school, students will walk in their expedition groups for around 4 hours. This is a chance for them to practice route planning, navigation and team work. Students will need to carry their rucksack with them in which they should have water, a snack and waterproofs. They will also need wear walking boots or stout footwear.
- Practice Expedition – **Friday 8th to Saturday 9th June**. Further details will be given nearer the time.
- Assessed expedition – **Sunday 8th to Monday 9th July**. Further details will be given nearer the time.

Students are expected to source their own kit for the expeditions; however the school has a stock of limited items that can be booked out for expedition.

The only way to ensure the sustainability of running the award scheme here at Fairfield and to ensure commitment from the students, is to make a small charge of £25.50. This amount will cover the cost of the registration with the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme and any costs towards both the practice and assessed expeditions.

Please confirm your child's place by returning the attached slip and enrolment form to the form teacher, and completing the payment of £25.50 on your ParentPay account before **Wednesday 4th October**. If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to get in contact.

Mrs Hart

DofE Bronze 17-18

..... (Name) Form 10 would like to participate in the Duke of Edinburgh Award.

I can confirm that I have paid £25 on parent pay and have returned the enrolment form.

Signed Date.....

PLEASE RETURN TO YOUR FORM TEACHER BY WEDNESDAY 4th OCTOBER