

JRU/JWN

7th November 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Duke of Edinburgh Award

Your son has shown an interest in enrolling in the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme.

The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme began in 1956; it is now widely recognised by employers, colleges and universities as a powerful tool for the personal development of young people.

What it will involve?

Your son will have to complete the following four sections over the next year:

- Volunteering
- Skill
- Physical
- Expedition

The minimum time requirement for each section is in months during which time they will need to undertake a regular commitment of at least one hour per week. The Skill, Volunteering and Physical Recreation sections will be completed in the student's own time, with some assistance from both the school and parents.

Bronze Award - Year 9

Volunteering	Skill	Physical Recreation	Expedition
3 months	One section for 3 months. One section for 6 months		Plan, prepare for, and undertake a 2 day /1 night venture.

Expedition and training will be co-ordinated through the school using an external company (BXM expeditions) who will provide all the training and qualified expedition leaders. Training will take place and be completed in school on a Saturday; students have to attend these dates in order to complete the requirements for the expedition section.

Dates are as follows:

Training 8th February 2020
Practice 2nd - 3rd May 2020
Expedition 12th- 13th September 2020

All students will have to attend both the practice and the assessed expedition to complete the award. There will be no other expeditions organised by the school.

There is a **£25 charge** for the joining fee, which includes the record book. This is **non-refundable**. There is an additional fee of **£190**, which includes charges for the training day, the practice expedition and the assessed expedition, all of which BXM Expeditions provide trained assessors to carry out. They provide the tents and the stoves for each group, other kit will be discussed on the training day.

Payment plan

£25.00 - 22nd November 2019
£40.00 - 20th December 2019
£50.00 - 24th January 2020
£50.00 - 14th February 2020
£50.00 - 27th March 2020

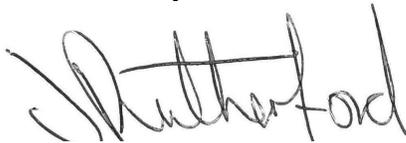
Students need to pay via Parentpay, cash or cheque, which should be made payable to Northampton School *for Boys*. Please write **name, form and Bronze 2019/20** on the reverse of the cheque. Cash/cheques should be given to the Finance Office or Student Services, again placed into an envelope with **name, form and Bronze 2019/20**.

If participants withdraw from the award, they must formally do this in writing to Mrs Rutherford **6 weeks** prior to the practice expedition or they will be charged the full amount.

If your son wishes to participate in the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme, please complete the reply slip below and return it to Mrs Rutherford as soon as possible. Unfortunately, there are a limited amount of spaces.

Should you need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school. Alternatively, check out the D of E web site, found at www.dofe.org or bxmexpeditions.co.uk

Yours faithfully



Mrs J Rutherford
Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Leader

REPLY SLIP TO MRS J Rutherford

Name of Student: _____ Form: _____

I/We* give permission for the above student to take part in the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme.

I/We* have paid the sum of £25.00 joining fee via* Parent pay/cheque/cash

Signature of Parent/Carer: _____ Date: _____

(*Delete as necessary)