



Northampton School for Boys

An independent Academy for the Town and County



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Dear Parent/Guardian

The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme is the world's leading achievement award for young people and is highly regarded by Universities, Colleges and Employers. It encourages young people to develop independence, commitment, leadership and teamwork through being involved in a personalised programme of activities. Northampton School *for Boys* fully supports the award and recognises its unique value for developing skills and attributes in young people. Your son has had an assembly this week and by taking this letter has expressed an interest in the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme at Bronze level.

The Award is split into Four sections; Volunteering, Physical, Skill, and Expedition. It takes approximately 6 months to complete and requires regular commitment to various activities. Your son will need to find ways to fulfil the Volunteering, Physical and Skill section of the award. While in School we will focus on the Expedition Section. Members of staff will be happy to give advice and support to help pupils choose appropriate activities.

The award is very popular and places are limited. Please see the Duke of Edinburgh Award website: www.dofe.org for more information about each section.

This year we are fortunate in the fact we are not only going to run the Bronze Award Level in Year 10 but due to National changes in the award we can also offer it to Year 9 pupils. I anticipate that the uptake will be very large. It is due to the potential number of students that the school has out sourced the expedition section to a company. BXM expeditions (www.bxmexpeditions.co.uk) will now oversee the expedition section alongside NSB staff.

Therefore, before joining the award I am organizing a parent evening so you can find out more information and meet a representative from BXM Expedition who will explain how they will organize the expeditions and discuss the costs involved.

Date: 4 October 2017

Location : Cripps Theatre

Time: 6pm – 6.45pm for Year 9 7pm – 7.45pm for Year 10

I look forward to seeing you there.

Kind Regards

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Leader of Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme

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