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5 November 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian

Re: Duke of Edinburgh Award

Your son/daughter has shown an interest in enrolling in the Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme.

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

What it will involve?

Your son/daughter will have to complete the following five sections over the next year and a half; Volunteering, Skill, Physical, Expedition and Residential.

The minimum time requirement for each section is expressed in months during which time they will need to undertake a regular commitment of at least one hour per week. It is expected that 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.

Gold Award (16 + years)

Volunteering	Skill	Physical Recreation	Expedition	Residential
12 months	One section for 12 months and the other for 6 months.		Plan, prepare for, and undertake a 4 day/3 night venture.	Undertake a shared activity in a residential setting, away from home for 5 days and 4 nights.

Entrants who have not completed a previous level of the award must undertake a further 6 months in either the Volunteering or the longer of the Skill or Physical Recreation sections.

The two expeditions and the training session will be provided by an outside provider – BXM expedition which we have had to employ due to vast numbers completing the award. Dates are below and students have to attend each of these no other dates will be given. BXM provide group kit such as tents and stoves all other kit and food is the participant's responsibility and further information will be provided at the training session.

Dates for expeditions and training are as follows:

Expedition Training **Saturday 19 January 2019**
Practice Expedition **Wednesday 24 to 28 April 2019**
Assessed Expedition **July 2020 – date to be confirmed**

Each participant must attend the all the above sessions.

There will be a charge of **£505** this includes the Dof E joining fee, which includes the record book, the total cost of the two expeditions and the training session provided by BXM expeditions.

Payments can be made through Parent Pay or by cheque please make payable to Northampton school for boys or cash which needs to be taken to the Finance Office in a labelled envelope.

Payment Plan

£50 Non-refundable deposit – Wednesday 14 November 2018

£125 25 January 2019

£125 22 March 2019

£125 24 May 2019

£80 19 July 2019

If your son/daughter wishes to participate in the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme, please complete the reply slip below and return it to me as soon as possible.

Should you need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school.

Yours faithfully



Mrs T O'Neill
Duke of Edinburgh Manager

REPLY SLIP TO MRS O'Neill

Name of Student: _____ **Form:** _____

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

I/We* have paid £50 into the Finance Office via Parent pay.* This is non refundable.

If paying by cheque, please write **NAME, FORM and GOLD DofE 2018-2020** on the back and hand into the Finance Office. Alternatively, if you wish to pay by cash, then please put in a sealed envelope with **NAME, FORM and GOLD DofE 2018-2020** on the front.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ **Date:** _____

(*Delete as necessary)

