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2<sup>nd</sup> November 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian

**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 and is now widely recognised by employers, colleges, universities and the forces 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 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.

**Bronze Award - Year 9**

<b>Volunteering</b>	<b>Skill</b>	<b>Physical Recreation</b>	<b>Expedition</b>
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 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:**

<b>Twilight Sessions in Room T2</b>	<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2018 from 3.35-4.30pm</b>
<b>Training</b>	<b>Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2019</b>
<b>Practice</b>	<b>Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2019</b>
<b>Expedition</b>	<b>Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> to Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2019</b>

**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 will be a charge of **£21** for the joining fee, which includes the record book this is **non – refundable**. There is an additional fee of **£179** which includes charges for the training, the practice expedition and assessed expedition all of which are provided by BXM Expeditions due to the large number of students. They provide the tents and the stoves for each group, other kit will be discussed on the training day.

### **Payment plan**

£21 16<sup>th</sup> November 2018  
£45 14<sup>th</sup> December 2018  
£45 18<sup>th</sup> January 2019  
£45 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019  
£44 16<sup>th</sup> March 2019

Students need to pay via parent pay or by cheque which should be made payable to Northampton School for Boys please write **name, form and Bronze 2018-2019** on the reverse of the cheque. Alternatively, cash can be paid into the Finance Office which must be placed into an envelope again with **name, form and Bronze 2018-2019**.

If participants withdraw from the award it must be done formally 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, I do have a limited amount of spaces.

Should you need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at school or check out the D of E web site which can be found at [www.dofe.org](http://www.dofe.org) or [bxmexpeditions.co.uk](http://bxmexpeditions.co.uk)

Yours faithfully

Mrs J Rutherford  
Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Leader

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### **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 £21.00 joining fee Via\* Parent pay / Cheque / Cash

**Signature of Parent/Guardian:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

(\*Delete as necessary)