

JRU/hcl

17 May 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian

Re: Duke of Edinburgh Award

Your son has been enrolled in the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. He should now have logged into his eDofE account and started to fill in his sections. Meetings are held weekly after school on a Thursday in the library from 3.25pm-4.00pm, for support and guidance.

Your son should be completing 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 need to be completed in the student's own time, with some assistance from both the school and parents. When they fill in their sections on eDofE they need to include their assessors name and contact details. An assessor will be asked when they have completed the section to write a report on what they have achieved or been involved in. The assessor **cannot** be a family member.

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

This 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 completed in school on a weekend, but this will not include an overnight stay.

Dates are as follows:

Training day	Saturday 3rd July 2021(in school)
Navigation Training	Sunday 4th July 2021.
Expedition	25th-26th September 2021 -Overnight camp

All students will have to attend both the training day, navigation training and the assessed expedition to complete the expedition section of the award. There will be no other expeditions organised by the school.

The cost of the Expedition package is **£145**, which includes charges for the training and navigation day, plus the assessed expedition, all which BXM Expeditions provide. In addition to providing tents, stoves, and fuel for the participants.

Payment plan

£50 28th May 2021

£50 25th July 2021

£45 10^h September 2021

Payment needs to be made on Parent Pay, if Parent Pay is not used then please could you contact the finance department at the school. You will also be required to complete the school medical form which is now attached to Parent Pay.

With the changes in regulations and allowances from 17th May 2021 schools have authorisation to take students away on residential within the UK, and we are now therefore moving ahead with the scheduling of the Bronze Expedition. If this should change the expedition would be cancelled and all monies refunded.

If participants withdraw, from the award, they must formally do this in writing to Mrs Rutherford **4 weeks** prior to the Training Days or they will be charged the full amount, due to our obligations to BXM.

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 sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mrs Rutherford', written in a cursive style.

Mrs J Rutherford
Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Leader