

JRU/ANA

16 November 2021

Dear Parent / Carer

Re: Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme

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 will it 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 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 completed in school on a Saturday; students must attend these dates in order to complete the requirements for the expedition section.

Dates are as follows:

Training **26th February 2022**
Practice **21st - 22nd May 2022**
Expedition **24th - 25th September 2022**

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 **£45 charge** for the joining fee, which includes the record book. This is **Non – refundable**. There will be an additional fee of approximately **£170**, which includes charges for the training day, the practice expedition and assessed expedition, BXM Expeditions company provide trained assessors to carry out all training. They provide the tents and the stoves for each group other kit will be discussed on the training day. However, this is dependent on the number of participants. A letter will follow confirming the price and payment plan.

Payment plan

£45 3rd December 2021

Students need to pay via ParentPay. Alternatively, cash can be paid into finance money must be placed into an envelope with **Name and Form and marked - Bronze 2022.**

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 number 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

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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 £45.00 joining fee Via* ParentPay / Cheque / cash

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

(*Delete as necessary)