

## Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme- Bronze Award 2019-20

Dear Parents / Carers,

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme is a nationally recognised scheme promoting personal development. It is extremely well regarded by both universities and employers. Within the school we are offering the award at Bronze level in a way that allows committed participants to complete the award in one year. This is the start of a 3 tier award system. More information is available via the website [www.DofE.org](http://www.DofE.org). Ian and Rachel Turnbull are running the expedition section on behalf of the school.

The cost of the Bronze Award programme is £190. This covers the registration, training and mentoring of the participant. It also covers the expedition section which includes: transport; use of equipment if required; appropriate external supervision and assessment.

Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> November 2019 6-7pm in school	Presentation to <b>Parents and Participants</b> . Advice on volunteering, physical and skill and sections.
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> November 2019 In school, 2.50 – 4.00pm	Sessions for <b>participants</b> to enrol onto 'edofe' and to upload programmes for volunteering, skill and physical sections.
Wike Scout Camp Sat 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb & Sat 29 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2020, 9am – 4pm	Expedition Training – <b>essential</b> <b>Not residential</b>

Most activities will not occur until after Christmas but we want to sort out the recruitment now so that we can plan properly. The aim is to have completed 'Bronze Activities' before Christmas 2020.

After training, the expeditions are supervised remotely using checkpoints, though staff do stay on the same (usually very basic) campsites. Please be aware that under DofE rules, participants are only allowed to use a mobile phone in case of emergencies so will be out of contact with you for the duration of the expedition.

19 <sup>th</sup> & 20 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	Expedition - 2 days. Meet at 8.30 This will take place near Howarth.
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**We will make a short presentation to parents and participants on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November from 6-7pm at Pudsey Grangefield School.** We will be able to answer questions afterwards.

If you would like your son/daughter to participate in this invaluable experience please attend the parents and participants meeting. Enrolment and medical forms will be available on ParentMail. To secure a place you will also need to pay a **£50 non-returnable** deposit by ParentMail on/or before **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2019**. ParentMail will open on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November, The balance will need to be paid in two further instalments as shown in the schedule below:-

<b>Deposit</b>	<b>£50</b>	<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2019</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> instalment</b>	<b>£70</b>	<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2019</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> instalment</b>	<b>£70</b>	<b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2020</b>

If you have any questions about the scheme before then please contact us at [myexpeds@gmail.com](mailto:myexpeds@gmail.com)

Yours faithfully,

Ian and Rachel Turnbull.