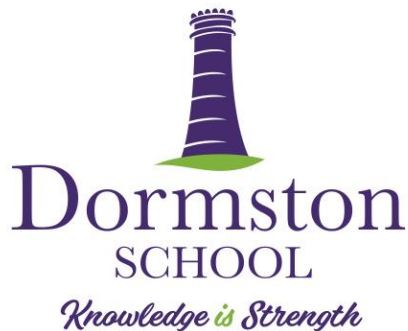


Our Ref: DF

September 2022

**All Year 10 Parents/Carers**

Dear Parent/Carer



**Re: Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award 2022/23**

This academic year we are once again offering the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award to pupils in Year 10. The training sessions will be held on Tuesday evenings after school and will run from 3.00pm to 5.00pm (start date Tuesday 11th October 2022). Training sessions will cover the practical skills required for the Expedition section of the Award, such as; map reading/compass work, tent pitching, and basic first aid. Pupils will also receive guidance on the three other sections required for the Bronze Award.

**Benefits**

The award is widely recognised by employers and people involved in education. Some of the benefits to young people include developing self-confidence and self-reliance; gaining a sense of achievement and a sense of responsibility; discovering new skills, interests and talents and developing leadership skills and abilities. They can also discover exciting opportunities; make new friends; experience teamwork, problem-solving and decision-making; increase their motivation; enhance their self-esteem and develop their communication skills. They will also, of course, have fun!

**Programme**

The Bronze Award has 4 sections. The sections involve:

1. **Volunteering:**  
Undertaking service to individuals or the community.
2. **Physical Activity:**  
Improving in an area of sport, dance or fitness activities.
3. **Skills:**  
Developing practical, social skills or personal interests.

Students will select activities which they can participate in regularly for an hour a week.

4. **Expedition:**  
The purpose of the Expedition is to encourage students to be self-sufficient and competent, to use a map and a compass to follow a route. Students will work in group sizes of between four and seven. They will be required to complete the following expeditions in order to complete the award.

**2 Day Training & Walk:**

Dormston School - **18th March 2023** & Stiper Stones, Shropshire - **19th March 2023**.

**Attendance is compulsory for both days. If this session is missed pupils will not be allowed to complete the D of E Award with us.**

**Practise Expedition:**

2 days/1 night walking expedition in the Long Mynd area of Shropshire – **13/14th May 2023. (To be confirmed depending on Year 10 RE Exam dates)**

**Qualifying Expedition:**

2 days/1-night walking expedition in the Llangollen area – **1st/2nd July 2023.**



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Head Teacher: Mrs C Sutton

Transport will be by coach/minibus dependent upon numbers. Further details on expeditions will be given closer to the time.

Minimum time to complete the award: Bronze = 6 months. Students must complete all expeditions for the award.

**Costs:**

- Total cost of Bronze Award is £230; (If your child is eligible for pupil premium you may be eligible for a discount – please contact school)
- **students need to pay a £50 registration fee as a deposit (this includes the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme administration fee and is therefore non- refundable);**
- a further £150 is then payable by January for the above expeditions (to include petrol and camp fees for all expeditions, instructors’ fees at Navigation Education and an assessment fee for the final expedition with an Assessor);
- payments can be made via ParentPay unless you require bar coded letter which can be collected from D2;
- please note there are limited places for this years’ Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award. **If your child wishes to be considered to participate, they should complete the enclosed application form and return to Mr Fox in A107 no later than Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2022.**

**Equipment**

Your son/daughter will be briefed on the equipment they will need to purchase and we suggest that they refrain from buying anything until then. Pupils will be required to purchase their own good quality walking boots, waterproofs and a lightweight sleeping bag. As members of the Award they are able to get 15% discount from Cotswolds Outdoors, who also give good advice about the correct equipment to buy. Equipment can also be purchased locally from “Go Outdoors” in Wolverhampton.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



**Mr D Fox**  
**Duke of Edinburgh Award Co-Ordinator**  
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**Reply Slip - Bronze Duke of Edinburgh’s Award 2022/2023**

Pupil Name: .....

Form: .....

I would like to register my child’s interest in participating in the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme

Signed:..... Date:.....

**Please return this reply slip to Mr D Fox in classroom A107 by no later than Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2022.**