



30 April 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award

I am writing to you as you have expressed interest in your son/daughter's participation in the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award. We are really pleased to hear that you would like to enrol your son/daughter to participate in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award. This is a brilliant opportunity for our students to gain valuable new experiences and a skillset that will help them develop as well-rounded, confident individuals.

As mentioned initially, the cost to formally enrol your son/daughter to participate in the Duke of Edinburgh Award is £50.00. This price includes participation fees and a welcome pack that will be sent to you via post, also accompanied with a DofE discount card offering 10% off all purchases at Millets, Blacks and Go Outdoors.

To make the payment please visit www.parentpay.com and select the 'Year 9 DofE Bronze Award' option. The full sum of £50.00 should be paid no later than Friday 7 May 2021. If your child is eligible for Pupil Premium funding, you can request a contribution towards the enrolment costs via the Pupil Premium Financial Support Form which can be found [here](#).

We will be asking for students to purchase personal kit for the expedition, i.e. backpack, sleeping bags, roll mats, shoes, clothing and food. Tents will be provided for students. Should you be entitled to Pupil Premium funding, there will be limited kit available to hire should this be needed. Please discuss this with your child's group leader once allocated. A full kit list required for the DofE expedition can be found [here](#).

Student's participating in the DofE Bronze Award will be expected to meet after school from 3.00 – 4.00pm every Tuesday, commencing Tuesday 11 May. These sessions will help to prepare students for their expedition and teach them the skills they need to excel in their DofE journey.

Our current plan is for the students to complete their expedition on Saturday 10 July to Sunday 11 July 2021. It is likely that parents/guardians will need to drop off and collect students from the location. The location will be confirmed in due course and will be within a 20-minute drive of the school grounds.

We are also planning to take the students to the Lookout on Friday 18 June. This means they will be out of school on this date. All costs for this trip will be covered by the participation fee.

All communication with the students moving forwards will be made through the Year 9 DofE google classroom. The code for this classroom is **usniv6e**.

If you have any questions regarding the Duke of Edinburgh Award please do not hesitate to contact me via the office email meroffice@maidenerleghtrust.org.

Yours sincerely

Mr W Galvin
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