



REDRUTH SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

Duke of Edinburgh Award

The school is continuing to provide the Duke of Edinburgh scheme, and now has its own DoE licence. These awards are challenging and rewarding and will be supported by an Award Leader throughout the scheme. The school will be offering the Bronze Award to Year 9 students and the Silver Award to Year 10 students. Those Year 9 students that undertake the Bronze this year will also be offered the Silver Award next year. This award is recognised in 140 countries and can be used towards College and University applications as UCAS points. Employers also see this as an advantage to candidates applying for positions.

About the Award

The award is split into 4 sections; volunteering, physical, skill and the expedition. The volunteering, physical and skill have to be carried out for a minimum of 3 months; one of these three being completed for a further 3 months. The expedition is completed over 2 weekends, each consisting of 2 days walking and a one-night camp. The Award Leaders will support the students throughout the course by answering questions, but it is the responsibility of the student to keep their DoE logins safe, organise their programme planner and ensure the sections of the award are completed. They must aim to complete the first three sections ahead of the expedition.

More information is available at www.dofe.org.uk. Sections can be completed during the summer holidays if time is required at the end of the school year, before progressing onto the Silver Award.

Cost

The cost of completing the DoE Bronze Award is £60 and the Silver Award will cost £80. This covers enrolment and the expedition, certification and log books. Payment can be made online at www.parentpay.com using your previously issued unique log-in or alternatively, can be paid by cash or cheque to the finance office, cheques being made payable to Redruth School. If your child wishes to enrol, please complete the reply slip on the next page and return it as soon as possible as training will start this half term. The cost can be paid in two instalments; £30 on enrolment and the remainder by 21 April 2017.

Equipment

The school will provide Trangias (cookers) for cooking. We also have tents and some equipment that we will be able to assist with. Students will be required to have suitable shoes and waterproof clothing for the outdoor activities. Students will be provided with a kit list for the expeditions nearer the time. There is very little that must be bought, most can be shared or borrowed if not already owned. If there are any concerns about the equipment, or cost, students or parents can discuss these with me (telephone 01209 203733).



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

Yours sincerely

Mr M Roberts
Pastoral Leader Year 9
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REPLY SLIP - Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme

Please return to: TUTOR

Student Name: _____ Tutor Group: _____

- I would like my child to take part in the Duke of Edinburgh scheme*
- I have paid £30 by parent pay/cheque/cash*

I give permission for my son/daughter to be photographed during DoE activities and for these to be used for publicity purposes*

I give permission for my son/daughter to leave the site on DoE activities*

Parent/Carer Signature: _____ Date: _____

**Please tick/delete as appropriate*