



Sherburn High School

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Dear Parents/Carers

Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme - Bronze Award

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme is a nationally recognised scheme promoting personal development and it is extremely well regarded by both universities and employers. We intend to offer the Bronze Award over the course of the next twelve months. More information is available via the website www.DofE.org. Please be aware that there are four sections to the award: Skill, Volunteering, Physical and Expedition. We will facilitate the expeditions and advise on the other sections. The additional costs of the other sections depend upon what the participant chooses to do. The expeditions will be completed with the assistance of an Approved Activity Provider (AAP). AAP's have been certified by the DofE to deliver sections of the DofE awards and all personnel are qualified to the industry standards.

The Bronze package consists of registration, training, monitoring of a 2 day, 1-night practice expedition and a 2 day 1-night qualifying expedition. The training and planning will be done on **Wednesday 20 March 2019 & Friday 12 April 2019. Students must attend on both days to participate in the expeditions.**

All Costs

The total cost for registration (£21 DofE Welcome Packs) and administration, training, insurance and provision of transport/personnel for completing both expeditions will be £240 and to make paying easier and faster, all payments will be collected via ParentPay which can be accessed on the school website or you can visit www.parentpay.com. The Registration cost of £50 is included in the total cost and includes the cost of the Welcome Pack (Registration onto edofe& Student Log Book), insurance and schools administration fees and is **NON-REFUNDABLE**. The remaining cost covers tuition, transport by minibus, use of equipment, fuel, appropriate external supervision and external assessment. The second instalment of £95 will be due by **Monday 29 April 2019** and the final instalment of £95 by **Friday 31 May 2019**. Students who withdraw at any point prior to training or the expeditions will have the relevant amount returned to them, minus any non-returnable costs. Student's accounts **MUST** be up to date to allow them to participate on the expeditions.

The expeditions are supervised remotely using checkpoints and visits. Staff camp on the same campsites as the groups. Photographs may be taken for promotional purposes such as the school's website. If you do not want that to happen, then please let me know by adding a comment to the enrolment form.

Expedition Dates

These dates are fixed. Students should not enrol onto the award if they cannot commit to them. Students will be required to undertake one Practice and one Qualifying expedition. Our aim is to limit group size to 28 students per option.

• Option A	Bronze Practice 1. 10 – 11 May 2019 and	Bronze Qualifier 1	07 - 08 June 2019
• Option B	Bronze Practice 2. 12 – 13 May 2019 and	Bronze Qualifier 2	09 – 10 June 2019
• Option C	Bronze Practice 3. 17 – 18 May 2019 and	Bronze Qualifier 3	14 – 15 June 2019
• Option D	Bronze Practice 4. 19 – 20 May 2019 and	Bronze Qualifier 4	16 – 17 June 2019

It will be necessary for students to be flexible in meeting group size although we will endeavour to maintain friendship groups.

We will commence the expedition training in March 2019 but students will be enrolled onto the scheme as of 1 September 2018. It is hoped that many students will see the benefits of the award programme and commit to completing the Bronze Level. If you would like your son/daughter to confirm their place on the award please complete the slip below, log onto ParentPay and pay the registration fee of £50. Please complete the attached DofE enrolment form and medical forms and return them **DIRECTLY TO STUDENT RECEPTION by Friday 30 November 2018.**

If you have any questions I can be contacted through Tadcaster school's main number 01937 833466 or email me at d.sanderson@tgs.starmat.uk. For further information on the award, please visit www.dofe.org. Additionally, I will be holding a Parents' Evening Q & A session in room 36 at 6pm on Monday 26 November 2018.

Yours sincerely

Mr D Sanderson
D of E Administrator

Year 9 BRONZE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD REGISTRATION

Student's Name: _____ Form _____

I wish my son/daughter to register for The Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award and consent to their participation on the training days and expeditions as outlined in the registration letter.

Parent Name: _____ Signed: _____ Date: _____

Parent email (For communication purposes) _____

Checklist:

☐ Enrolment Form enclosed.

☐ Consent and Medical Fitness Form for Residential Visits enclosed.

**Please return to the student reception DIRECT by
Friday 30 November 2018.**