



Coopers School



An IB World School

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'Enabling learners of today to become achievers of tomorrow'



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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award

At Coopers we pride ourselves on offering as many enriching opportunities as possible to as many of our students as possible. This year we are excited to finally announce we will be offering all Year 9 students the opportunity to take part in the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award. On Friday, students learnt about the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award firstly from an assembly from our Duke of Edinburgh regional representative who explained its many benefits, and then they were able to take part in fun, physical activities.

The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme is the world's leading achievement award for young people, and is highly regarded by Universities, Colleges and Employers. It encourages young people to develop independence, commitment, leadership and teamwork through being involved in a personalised programme of activities. The school fully supports the Award and recognises its unique value for developing skills and attributes in young people.

The Award is split into four sections; Volunteering, Physical, Skill, and Expedition. It takes approximately six months to complete and requires regular commitment to various activities. Your son/daughter will need to find ways to fulfil the Volunteering, Physical and Skill section of the Award, while in school we will focus on the Expedition Section. Members of staff in school will be happy to give advice and support to help pupils choose appropriate activities, and enrichments. The Expedition section requires participants to undertake an assessed two day backpacking and camping expedition. Before this participants need to be trained and to take part in a practice expedition before they will be allowed to take part in their qualifying expedition. Participants will need to complete all three parts to achieve the Award.

Please see the Duke of Edinburgh Award website: www.dofe.org for more information about each section.

Please note that taking part in the Bronze Award is not compulsory. There will be an estimated fee of £175 to pay for resources such as tents, travel, burners, assessors, instructors, insurance, site rental and food. However, the final fee will depend on the amount of students that wish to take part. With this in mind, please be kind enough to complete the reply slip below and return it to your child's Form Tutor by Friday 19 October 2018. A monthly payment option will be available.

Yours faithfully

Mr Jonathan O'Donnell
Associate Assistant Principal of Aspirations and Enrichment

Return to Form Tutors or Mr O'Donnell

Re: Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award

Student Name: _____ Form: _____

- I would like my child to take part in the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award at an estimated cost of £175, with final cost to be confirmed.
- I do not wish my child to take part in the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award

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