

7 June 2019

Dear Year 8 Parents and Carers,

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award: Bronze

I am writing to introduce the Duke of Edinburgh Award and to ask for consent regarding enrolment onto the scheme.

Our hope is that all Year 9 pupils will take up the challenge. We have assigned curriculum time to the award and all training and expedition logistics will be provided by the school.

We believe that the DofE offers a fantastic opportunity for our pupils to develop a plethora of valuable personal skills and also a chance for them to look outwards and make a difference in their local community.

The award is divided into four sections. Pupils must engage in learning a **skill**, offer their time in the **service** of others and take part in **physical** activity. These sections are usually completed for about an hour a week and they must be continued for at least 3 months. One of the sections must be continued for 6 months. Most of our pupils are already taking part in activities that would count towards their Bronze DofE.

The final section is the **expedition**. This will be a two-day journey, involving an overnight camp. The expedition section will be planned, navigated and executed by the pupils and is a fantastic opportunity for leadership, friendship and independence to flourish. The expedition will be conducted on foot this year.

The cost of the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award will be £150. This will cover enrolment, training, travel and group expedition kit. Personal kit will not be provided and a kit list can be found at <https://www.dofe.org/shopping/dofe-expedition-kit-list/>

I have attached a participant enrolment form and the combined programme planner. Please complete the forms and return as a hard copy or by email to ekemp@radnor-sevenoaks.org. By signing up to the DofE before September pupils have the summer to plan and to even start their sections before we are back into busy school life.

The deadline for signing up for Bronze is 2 July 2019.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions that you may have.

Yours faithfully,

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