

9 September 2020

Dear 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 believe that the DofE offers a fantastic opportunity for our pupils to develop a wide range of valuable personal skills, as well as giving them a chance to look outwards and make a difference in their local community.

The award is divided into four sections where pupils must engage in learning a **skill**, offer their time in the **service** of others and take part in a **physical** activity. These sections are usually completed for about an hour a week and they must be continued for at least 3 months, with one of the sections needing to 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**, and with our Year 9 expeditions normally take place in June and July, I am confident that we will be able to run the expeditions in line with Government Guidance and our school policy on trips. We have also been given some flexibility from the DofE to adapt our expeditions to help pupils complete their awards.

The cost of the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award will be £30 for enrolment, this will cover enrolment only. Expedition costs cannot yet be calculated, but my current estimate is £200 per pupil. The £30 will be required soon after signing up, but the expedition payment will be delayed until we have a clearer understanding of costs, please wait for an update on this.

I have attached a participant enrolment form, please complete the form and return by email to ekemp@radnor-sevenoaks.org using **DofE Enrolment Form** as the subject line. Could I ask that the forms are returned by **Friday 18 September**.

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

Kind regards,

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