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Letter 29

28th September 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme 2018/19

We intend to run the Award Scheme for Year 10 students with effect from the beginning of November. There are four sections to the Award: *Service, Skills, Physical Recreation and Expeditions*. Students have to commit themselves to three months for each of the first three sections (guidelines from DofE are approximately one hour a week) plus a further three months in one section (of their choice). They also have to successfully complete both a practice and a qualifying expedition involving an overnight camp.

School training will focus largely on the expeditions. The other sections are the responsibility of the students, although we will offer advice and guidance. We expect each student to attend all training sessions since they are an essential part of the preparation for the expeditions, and students who are not adequately prepared will be unable to participate in the expeditions.

You may like to note the following dates regarding the programme. The practice expedition will be in two halves; one half of the students will go **Friday 26th and Saturday 27th April** and the other half **Friday 3rd and Saturday 4th May**. The qualifying expedition (also in two halves) dates are **Sunday 23rd and Monday 24th June** or **Sunday 30th June and Monday 1st July** (all dates are provisional and will be confirmed in due course). If any of these dates are likely to cause a problem, please contact me at the school as soon as possible. There will be a Parents Information evening on 13th March (again, date to be confirmed).

As last year, record keeping will be conducted electronically and students will receive a pack with a login and password to the website www.edofe.org. If you wish your son/daughter to participate in the Award, please make a payment of £28, complete the enrolment form and return it to school as soon as possible. Please access our online system to pay. We no longer accept cash or cheques. In exceptional circumstances payment may be made over the phone by card.

The students themselves will have to submit a written application, stating why they wish to be considered for the award, what they hope to get out of it, and what they intend to do for the Volunteering, Skills and Physical sections of the award. Closing date for applications is Friday 19th October. Successful applicants will be notified after half-term. In the event of your child being unsuccessful with their application your £28 will be refunded.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Sutton', written over a horizontal line.

Mr D Sutton
Award Unit Leader



YOUTH CONNEXIONS HERTFORDSHIRE

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ENROLMENT FORM 01.04.18– 31.03.19

Please Print Clearly in BLOCK CAPITALS

Surname:First Name:

Address:

Postcode:

Tel No: E-mail:.....

Date of Birth: Male/Female (delete as appropriate)

If you have previously enrolled in The DofE and have a Reference Number, please enter it here

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LEVEL	TICK LEVEL OF ENROLMENT	PRICES
Bronze		£28
Silver		£30
Gold		£30

Consent of Parent or Carer (for young people under 18 years of age)

I agree to my son/daughter participating in The Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE)

Signature of Parent/Carer: Name: Date:

Signature of Applicant: Date:

Name of DofE Group:The Hemel Hempstead School.....

Signature of DofE Leader: Name: Mr D. Sutton Date:

The following information is used to help YCH and the DofE meet the needs of all young people. This section is not compulsory, but it would greatly help us if you choose to complete it.

Please tick the relevant box

I consider myself to have a disability* Yes/No (delete as applicable) Comments:

*as defined by the Disability Discrimination Act as "a physical or mental impairment which has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on a person's ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities".

I would describe myself as:

- Asian or Asian British Indian Mixed White & Black Caribbean
- Pakistani White & Black African
- Black or Black British Bangladeshi White White & Asian
- Caribbean British
- African Irish
- Chinese Any Other Other Any Other
- Chinese

For Office Use

Record Book Issue Date

UK Ref. No.