



September 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

Bronze Duke of Edinburgh award – Year 10 and 11

I am writing to you to inform you of your son/daughters interest in the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme at the Vale of York Academy. This is an internationally recognized qualification that is highly regarded for job applications, colleges and university admissions.

The award involves a significant level of commitment out of school and afterschool from the students as they will need to spend 3 months completing volunteer work, developing a skill and a physical aspect of the award. The highlight of the award is the expedition which takes place towards the end of the academic year, giving students the opportunity to engage with this award and not interrupt Academy study.

The staff at the Vale of York Academy and I work really hard to deliver this award and will support pupils throughout, however, students must be motivated and engaged in wanting to achieve this award.

Each week, after October half term, I will meet with pupils to deliver the essential training of navigation, cooking on expedition, camp craft, tent pitching, first aid and lots more. Compulsory training nights will be on a **WEDNESDAY after school** for 1 hour a week in G23 (depending on number of students who sign up might mean we have a second night running). Any Year 11 pupils who sign up will train with the Year 10's.

Key Expedition section dates - Bronze

- 12th March 2020 - Orienteering for Year 10/11 Bronze group at Clifton Ings. This will be afterschool from 4pm – 5.30pm.
- March/April - 2 bronze evening walks Year 10/11 (afterschool) Dates will be sent on the next letter.
- **Practice Expedition** - Sat 9th and Sun 10th May 2020 - YEAR 10/11 (Husthwaite – Stillington)
- **Assessment Expedition** – Sat 13th and Sun 14th June 2020 - YEAR 10/11 (Sheriff Hutton - Castle Howard)

Dates are set in stone so please work these around Holidays if you want to do the award.

There is a £40 non-refundable fee to the Local Authority for registering with the award, and this pays for administration, welcome pack and EdofE system log on. Further costs to the award this year will be £60.00 which covers all the training, evening walks and the 2 weekend expeditions delivered by the Vale of York Academy staff.

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This includes optional transport, campsite fees, equipment borrowing if needed and all the training and activities throughout the year. **The full cost of the award is £100.00.**

A full breakdown of costs can be found below which explains where the money is used and to show you we have cut costs as much as we can to make it value for money. If any students struggle with payment for this award, please see Mr Rampling for a conversation as we would like to ensure there aren't barriers to anyone wanting to undertake this award.

Expenditure (based on 30 people)	How much?	Per person	Total
Campsite fees (students) £10 per night for 2 nights	£600.00	£20.00	£600.00
Staff campsite fee's and fuel (based on 5 staff)	£120.00	£4.00	£750.00
Fuel cost for cooking	£30.00	£1.00	£780.00
Minibus use weekends (1 MINIBUS)	£300.00	£10.00	£1080.00
Minibus use evenings (6 days) (1 MINIBUS)	£300.00	£10.00	£1,380.00
Minibus Hire (9 seater for 4 days) - £40 per day.	£150.00	£5.00	£1,530.00
Fuel for minibuses for the 2 weekends	£150.00	£5.00	£1,680.00
Fuel for minibuses for 6 evening walks	£150.00	£5.00	£1,830.00
Dofe book (bought from CYC)	£1,200.00	£40.00	£3,030.00
Practice weekend	£30.00		
Assessment weekend	£30.00		
Cost of book and online subscription	£40.00		
Total cost - £100.00	£100.00		

To reserve your place please pay the **deposit of £40.00 and return the attached enrolment form to Mr Rampling. Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis.** However if you would like to pay the £100.00 in one lump sum then you're more than welcome.

Payment should be made on the Schools Parent Pay account. Please advise this has been paid on the attached DofE enrolment form by **Friday 25th October 2019 (4 weeks)**. Please can these be returned to me in my PE office or main reception.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or issues around this and I look forward to seeing pupils join up to this great award.

Yours sincerely,



Mr Mark Rampling
 Head of PE and Enrichment



Bronze Award (14+)

Volunteering	Physical	Skills	Expedition
3 months	3 months	3 months	Plan, train and complete a 2 day, 1 night expedition. You will do this twice – A Practice and Assessed.
<i>You will also undertake a further 3 months in either the Volunteering, Physical or Skills section.</i>			