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Dear Parent/Guardian

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award – Year 10

As you are probably aware, for a significant number of years we have been able to offer the boys the opportunity to take part in the Duke of Edinburgh Award as an extra-curricular activity. If your son/ward is interested in taking part in the award we would now like to start enrolment. Please ask your son/ward to collect an enrolment form from Reception, during break. The form will need to be returned to the DofE box in Reception by Thursday 20 October 2016. The price will be £32.75, this includes admin fees, enrolment onto edofe and the DofE pack. The enrolment date will start at the beginning of term to allow for boys who have started a section, eg rugby for their physical section or music lessons for their skill sections.

Once again this year we will use the services of Mr Paul Webb of H5 Adventure to train and oversee the Bronze training and expeditions; we have learnt a great deal working with them and have made some changes to make the Bronze award more robust for your son/ward. I will be supporting the Bronze participants as their Bronze DofE Leader with the voluntary assistance of teaching staff and Mrs Nute continuing to provide admin support.

Once your son/ward has enrolled onto the Bronze award he will be given his edofe sign-in details and a booklet. The edofe is an online record system used to start and complete the award. The booklet can be used to write dates, details of their sections and take to assessors for completion. Assessors can also send their reports directly to your son/wards edofe account.

Below is a general outline of what the award entails, but of course the Duke of Edinburgh website will give a broader overview and examples from the DofE school web page. We expect the boys to complete all sections of the award, or have a very close end date, before taking part in the practice expedition. This will ensure, we feel, that they will complete their award.

There are four sections to the Bronze award, as follows:

- Volunteering: for a **non-profit** making organisation or undertaking service to individuals or the community, eg scout leader, working in a charity shop, helping primary school pupils with maths etc.

- Physical: improving in an area of sport, dance or fitness activities.

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- Skills: developing practical and social skills and personal interests, eg writing a book, gaining the next grade with a musical instrument, life-saving skills.

  These sections will need to be completed for an hour each week for three months and one of the sections will need to be completed over six months.

- Finally, there is the Expedition Section run by H5 Adventure. As part of the training day your son/ward will learn about cooking on trangias, map reading, navigation, planning routes and putting up and taking down tents, personal safety, first aid and what to do in an emergency. There will also be an overnight practice expedition to train for the completion of the overnight qualifying expedition.

The dates are as follows:-

Training Session : Saturday 25 March 2017 Training at BWS – Cost £105

Practice Expedition : Sat & Sun 29-30 April 2017 Savernake Forest – Cost £12-£16

Assessed Expedition : Sat & Sun 10-11 June 2017 – Marlborough Downs – Cost £12-£16

A recommended kit list can be found on the DofE page on the school web site.

Please pay the enrolment of £32.75 on-line via www.scopay.com. If your son/ward doesn't have a scopay account and you need a link code please email amh@bws.wilts.sch.uk

Yours sincerely

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