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Dear Parent/Guardian

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award – Year 9

As you are probably aware, for a significant number of years we have been able offer the boys the opportunity to take part in the Duke of Edinburgh Award as an extra-curricular activity, run by myself, volunteer teaching staff, volunteer parents and admin support by Mrs Nute. Once again this year we will use the services of Mr Paul Webb of H5 Adventure to train and oversee the Bronze expedition section; we have learnt a great deal working with them and are very happy with the robust and thorough service they provide.

I have given an outline of the DofE award to the Year 9's, encouraging them to think about what is required and suitable for the four sections of the award.

Below is a general outline of what the award entails, but of course the Duke of Edinburgh website will give a broader overview. 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 next year. This will ensure, we feel, that they will complete their award. They will need to find and record an assessor for each activity and add this information onto their DofE account for our approval.

There are four sections to the Bronze award, as follows, with a few ideas:

- Volunteering:** for a non-profit making organisation or undertaking service to individuals or the community, eg scout leader, sporting volunteering at football/rugby etc working in a charity shop, helping primary school pupils with maths etc.
- Physical:** improving in an area of sport, dance or fitness activities.
- Skills:** developing practical and social skills and personal interests, eg gaining the next grade with a musical instrument, any extra-curricular language, life-saving skills, and cooking are some examples.
- Finally, there is the **Expedition Section** run by H5 Adventure. As part of the training day he will learn to safely cook on Trangias, map reading, navigation, planning routes and putting up and taking down tents, personal safety, and first aid and what to do in an emergency. This includes an overnight practice expedition to train for the completion of the qualifying expedition. (Parents/ guardians to provide transport to and from expedition).

Two sections will need to be at least an hour a week for three months (ie 12 weeks) and one section will need to be completed over six months.

The dates are as follows:-

- **Training Sunday 10 March 2019**
- **Practice Expedition Sat & Sun 27&28 April 2019 Savernake Forest**
- **Qualifying Expedition Sat & Sun 8&9 June 2019 Marlborough Downs**

The cost for the Bronze award is expected to be around £150. This includes the H5 adventure fee, school insurance, equipment, DofE Licence/admin, campsite fees, assessor fee and DofE certificate and badge.

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

Please pay the enrolment of **£20.00** on-line via www.scopay.com , if you would like your son to participate in DofE Bronze. If your son doesn't have a scopay account and you need a link code please email Miss Lloyd on mxl@bws.wilts.sch.uk.

Yours sincerely

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DofE Bronze Co-Ordinator