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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, run by volunteer staff and parents. If your son is interested in taking part in the award we would now like to start enrolment.

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

- Enrolment forms will be available from Reception from Monday 25 September and once we receive the £20.00 enrolment fee we will process the form. Finance will add this via scopay. The fee covers edofe enrolment and the DofE pack. Completed forms to be returned to Reception, the closing date for enrolment is Thursday 2 November 2017.
- Shortly after enrolment your son 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 sons 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 start all sections of the award before taking part in the training day. This will ensure, we feel, that they will complete their award.

There are four sections to the Bronze award, with some examples for each, as follows:

1. 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.
2. Physical: improving in an area of sport, dance or fitness activities.
3. Skills: developing practical and social skills and personal interests, eg writing a book, gaining the next grade with a musical instrument, improvement in a language (but ask the teacher first), 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.

4. Expedition Section run by H5 Adventure. As part of the training day your son 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.

Provided your son has made a start on the above sections the expedition dates are as follows:-

Training Session : Sunday 18 March 2018 Training at BWS – Cost £105

Practice Expedition : Sat & Sun 21-22 April 2018 Savernake Forest – Cost £20-£25

Assessed Expedition : Sat & Sun 16-17 June 2018 – Marlborough Downs – Cost £20-£25

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 your son 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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