



Fulford School

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Dear Parent or Carer,

DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD AT FULFORD SCHOOL

Your son/daughter has shown an interest in applying to participate in the Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Award. This is an internationally recognised award for young people, which is highly regarded by universities and employers alike as it demonstrates commitment, team-work, independence and good organisation skills. At Fulford we offer the Bronze award during Year 10, which requires good amount of practical skills and leads into the higher levels: Silver and Gold. The award is made up for 4 sections, all which need to be completed before age 25 to achieve the award. Three of the sections are personal activities which need to be attended regularly over 3 or 6 months, working towards pupil led goals. The three sections are Physical, Skill and Volunteering and may be activities that pupils already attend. The final section is the expedition, which is two days of hiking and one night of camping.

Similar to previous years the training for the award will be run throughout Year 10 on Wednesday's after school. The sessions mainly focus on the expedition training (navigation, planning and first aid), but can also be used to support ongoing activities. Pupils will assemble into groups to complete all the training with a supervisor from within Fulford staff. These groups are generally chosen by pupils but they must all be able to attend the same assessed expedition weekend. There may be 2 or 3 weekends to choose from for the assessed expedition which will depend on the number of applicants this year. Pupils will need to be able to attend one assessed expedition and may attend one training day hike so please keep all these dates free.

Practice Hike Weekend: **11th May or 12th May 2024**

Final expedition 1 : **8th - 9th June 2024** Final Expedition 2: **22nd – 23rd June 2024** Final Expedition 3 [Reserve]: **6th – 7th July 2024**

Students have had an assembly outlining the award and need to complete an application form and agree to the *Fulford DofE Commitments 2023-24*. There is a YouTube video outlining the award available for parents which has been linked on ClassCharts. The initial deadline for completion of the form and agreement is **Friday 14.7.23** and it should be handed in to the school office. This will allow pupils to start activities over summer. There will be a second and final time to apply in September for pupils who are currently unsure.

The cost for participating is £175 per student which will be payable on ParentPay in instalments available from 30.6.23. This covers costs associated with the creation of a specialist online E-DofE account, a welcome and assessor pack, DofE discount card, equipment loan and repair (tents, fuel, rucksacks etc), campsite and weekend staffing fees, staff first aid and supervisor/assessor training and the programme of study run on Wednesday's 3.30pm to 4.30pm. It does not cover the cost of personal equipment (sleeping bags, waterproofs etc) or transport to and from the assessed expedition, which is usually in the North York Moors. The first £55 of this is a **non-refundable deposit** which pays for the licence owned by the school, purchasing the placement from DofE and other initial costs. If your son/daughter is eligible for Pupil Premium funding or other support please contact the school office. The payment plan is as follows: **£55 due 14.7.23, £60 due 30.10.23, £60 due 30.1.24**

If you would like more information about DofE or how it is run at Fulford, please visit the award website www.dofe.org, contact by e-mail on clarkc@fulford.york.sch.uk or phone the school and leave a message.

Yours Sincerely

Mr C Clark, DofE Manager



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