

September 2018

Parent/Carer of Y9 Students

Dear Parent/Carer

RE: The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme Y9 2018/19 – Bronze Award Programme

The Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) gives young people the chance to develop skills for life and work through independent involvement in Volunteering, Physical and Skill Activities and, if these are successfully started then the opportunity to attend an Expedition Programme. The programme is demanding and requires support from Parents/Carers to set up activities outside class time.

High Storrs School will be running the Bronze Award Programme again this year for a limited number of students in Year 9.

In order to provide this opportunity, we are working in partnership with school staff volunteering their own time and members of the PTA. They will support Parents/Carers and students to start their activities in January 2019 and then deliver an Expedition Training Programme in January and February 2019. The expeditions will be held in the Spring and Summer Term of Year 9 – see programme below.

The fee for the full award is £140.00 which includes; Enrolment, Welcome Pack, Support Sessions, Expedition Programme and Certification (deadline for the Consent Form and Task Form **only**, please do not include any payments, will be Friday 5th October 2018).

Please consider your child's availability for the dates overleaf carefully as all the sessions/training and two expeditions must be attended to qualify for the award. If any sessions are missed, then your child will be asked to defer their attendance on the programme until the following year.

If you would like your child to take part in the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, please complete the consent form and ask your child to complete the tasks below. Your child should return the **Consent Form and Tasks** to Student Reception, for the attention of Miss Graham-Yooll no later than Friday 5th October by 3:15pm. The last couple of years this was an extremely popular activity so deadlines will be strictly adhered to and no application after this date will be accepted. As places are limited, if more students return the task sheet and consent form than we have places for, we will pick names from the fully completed forms on the first come first served basis.

If your child is lucky enough to be awarded a place, then we will inform you before the Half Term holiday and ask you to complete an enrolment form and pay for the Welcome Pack and Operating Authority support/administration costs of £65.00 - **to be paid by 7th November 2018**. The remaining balance of £75.00 should be paid before or by **Wednesday 6th February 2019**. You may wish to visit the DofE website www.dofe.org which is full of useful information and resources for each student to use when deciding which independent activities they can do. It also explains DofE which is the on-line personal account for each participant to record their activities.

Continued overleaf

Deadline for Handing In Consent Form	Friday 5 th October 2018 - 3:15pm to student Reception, FAO Miss Graham-Yooll
Launch Meeting & DofE Session Parents are welcome for this session	Wednesday 21 st November 2018 3pm - 5pm
DofE After School Training Sessions (In School 3pm – 5pm)	Wednesday 16 January 2019 Wednesday 23 January 2019 Wednesday 30 January 2019 Wednesday 6 February 2019 Wednesday 27 February 2019 Wednesday 24 April 2019 Wednesday 1 May 2019 Wednesday 26 June 2019
Practice Expedition: (Overnight camp)	Saturday 4 May & Sunday 5 May 2019
Qualifying Expedition: (Overnight camp)	Friday 5 July & Saturday 6 July 2019
DofE Presentations (In School Hall 3pm- 5pm) Parents are welcome to celebrate the success of the students	Thursday 18 th July 2019

Yours sincerely

Miss I Graham-Yooll
DofE Co-ordinator
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CONSENT FORM

Name of Student Form

Date of Birth Home Contact No

Address
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Mobile No. (Student)
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Email (Parent/Carer)
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We may use photographs for publicity purposes – if you do **not** wish photographs to be used please tick box:

I consent that I would like my child to take part in The Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award Programme. I confirm my child will be available on the all the dates 21/11, 16/1, 23/1, 30/1, 6/2, 27/2, 24/4, 1/5, 4/5, 5/5, 26/6, 5/7, 6/7, 18/7 for training and expeditions.

Name (please print)

Signature: **Date:**

**TASKS TO BE COMPLETED BY STUDENTS AND RETURNED
WITH THE CONSENT FORM**

Name _____

House _____

Form & Room Number _____

1. Volunteering Activity (which I will do for at least 1 hour every week for 3-6 months) will be –

Name and address of organisation/person (this must not be a business) –

2. My Physical Activity (which I will do for at least 1 hour every week for 3-6 months) will be -

Name and address of organisation/person who will assess you doing this activity –

3. My Skill Activity (which I will do for at least 1 hour every week for 3-6 months) will be –

Name and address of organisation/person who will assess you doing this activity –

TOP TIPS –

- You do 3 months in each activity – plus a further 3 months in the section of your choice.
- You can do activities which you are already attending.
- You can do cooking or a hobby as a Skill and a Physical activity at home but you must log and photograph your activity.
- You cannot use a relative as an assessor - you can use a family friend or neighbour.

Research task:

4. Describe one aspect of The Countryside Code:
5. Name 3 types of flower or plant which can be found in The Peak District:
6. Name 3 birds which can be found in The Peak District: