

Duke of Edinburgh – Parent information letter

December 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Your child has expressed an interest in enrolling onto a Duke of Edinburgh Award following their attendance at a launch event within school. The Duke of Edinburgh Award for many young people is life-changing. The award comprises of three Award levels (Bronze, Silver and Gold) for anyone aged between 14 to 24 years old. Students must complete a Skills, Physical and Volunteering section over a period of time alongside completing an expedition comprising of walking, planned activity and camping.

In order to enrol onto the award, students must:

- be in Year 9 or above and be of 14 years of age by the end of the academic year
- be committed to completing all award sections between January to July 2019
- be up for a challenge that stretches their personal limitations!

To enrol on the award, there is a £40 participation fee. This will cover students for their registration to the Duke of Edinburgh Award programme as well as contributing to expenses throughout their Award (Administration, Transport fees, Equipment etc.). Depending on the location chosen for their final expedition, there may be an additional one-off cost. I appreciate that you will be concerned about the initial costs and additional costs with purchasing equipment for walking/camping. If this is a concern, please do not hesitate to speak with either the Duke of Edinburgh Coordinator in your school. As a Trust, we do have provision of equipment to support students who may prefer to borrow equipment rather than purchasing their own.

Your school DofE Coordinator is: Mr R Foster – DofE Manager

As your child goes through the award, all information will be uploaded to the schools website where you will find resources and copies of letters being issued:

<http://www.newcastleacademy.org/pupils/dofe-information/>

Or you can visit www.dofe.org to find out more.

If you would like to discuss any elements of the award with myself, please do not hesitate to contact me on the number below. I look forward to meeting you at the launch event and sharing with you the benefits that this award scheme will have for your child in the future.

Yours sincerely,

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