

Dear Parent/Carer,

23.11.18

Cardiff High is delighted to be able to continue to offer the Duke of Edinburgh Award to some of its students as an extra-curricular activity. Your child has shown an interest in starting the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award which is currently being offered to Year 9 students.

The Duke of Edinburgh Award is a voluntary, non-competitive programme which is widely recognised by educationalists and employers. It aims to help individuals discover and develop new skills and interests, improve self-confidence, self-reliance and team work and overall obtain a sense of achievement. The award consists of a number of activities in four main sections:

- Volunteering – undertaking service to individuals or the community
- Physical – improving in an area of sport, dance or fitness activities
- Skill – Developing practical and social skills and personal interests
- Expedition – planning and training for a 2 day, 1-night expedition as part of a team

At bronze level, participants will be expected to complete an activity for a minimum of 3 months in each of the volunteering, physical and skill sections with a further 3 months in a section of their choosing. Students will be expected to make their own arrangements to complete these sections but could involve participation in an existing club at school or elsewhere.

The fourth section, which is the expedition, will consist of a two-day walking and camping journey which will be arranged by the school in partnership with an external provider. There will be a practice expedition prior to the qualifying expedition, details of both will be given out closer to the time. Both will be organised around exam times so as not to interfere with student's academic studies.

In order to help offer the opportunity to a wide number of learners, we have decided to work in partnership with the Urdd for this year's awards. The Urdd works with many other schools delivering the expedition training element for D of E which includes the expedition training and also the planning and supervision of the practice expedition and the qualifying expedition.

The predicted cost of the award will be £200. This will cover the Duke of Edinburgh registration fee and welcome pack, all campsite fees, expedition training days, transport, insurance and the purchasing camping equipment for the expedition. Payment for this will be taken if your child is accepted on to the award.

The Award, whilst being extremely rewarding and beneficial to all, demands a high level of responsibility and independence from students, so while I want to encourage participation, they should consider this carefully before putting their name forward.

If you would like further information about the DofE at this stage, this can be found on their website:

[www.dofe.org](http://www.dofe.org) .

The following training and expedition dates will need to be attended in order to complete the D of E Bronze Award –

Training Day/s **18 or 19 May** (depends on numbers)

Practice route planning session **22 May**

Practice Expedition **1-2 June**

Qualifying route planning session **19 June**

Qualifying Expedition **22-23 June**

If you and your child are keen to participate in the DofE Award, please could they fill in the award application form overleaf and return to **MAIN RECEPTION** no later than Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

Yours Sincerely,

Mr C Newton

Duke of Edinburgh Manager

**TO BE RETURNED TO MAIN RECEPTION BY 30<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2018**

**Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award Application Form**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Form Group: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to participate in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award because:

What I think I will get out of participation in the Award:

I think I will be a good candidate because:

Any other information:

Signed (student): \_\_\_\_\_

Signed (parent/guardian): \_\_\_\_\_