

22nd September 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award - DofE

Your son/daughter has expressed an interest in completing their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award. I am sure you are aware that this is an internationally recognised youth award and we are keen for our students to have the opportunity to take part.

The award enables young people to gain recognition for the time and effort they put into completing a variety of activities. The Bronze Award can be completed by young people **who are in Year 9 at Budmouth** and they can take until their 25th birthday to complete it. We would prefer them not to take that long and to progress onto their Silver and Gold awards before that birthday if possible.

The Bronze Award has four sections: Skills, Volunteering, Physical and Expedition. On the award website each section is explained in more detail with examples of the kind of activities that young people can undertake. We often find that the hobbies and sports activities our students already take part in, actually count towards their Award. Whatever they are interested in we will do our best to find a section that it will fit into. The Award are very aware of the limitations on activities at the moment and have put in place a number of support measures further information is available at <https://www.dofe.org/do/>

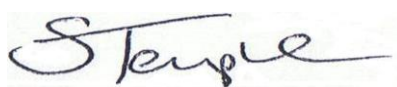
The proposed training for the Expedition section will start in March 2021 with sessions being held each Wednesday after college from 3.00pm to 4.00pm. Your son/daughter must be able to attend this training session each week so that they can complete an externally assessed proposed expedition weekend in June 2021. The current plan is for us to complete the expeditions next year, however we will of course be following guidance and will plan according. Dates for the diary are below:

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| Practice Expedition | Saturday 22 nd to Sunday 23 rd May 2021 |
| Assessed Expedition | Friday 11 th June to Saturday 12 th June 2021 |

The cost of enrolling for DofE and purchasing a Bronze welcome pack is £38.00; this covers the cost of the welcome pack, an eDofE username and password, which is the internet based way of recording your son/daughters activities in completing the Award and administration charges.

If you would like your son/daughter to be enrolled, then please go to the school website, where you will need to complete the electronic form in the parents information section under forms. As we are now a cashless Academy, you can pay the enrolment fee using the sims pay app, this you will find in the Fees and Subs section under DofE Bronze Award. If you would like to discuss any aspect of the award then you can contact me at Budmouth on 01305 830545 or e-mail me at stemple@budmouth-aspirations.org or go to the Award website www.dofe.org to find out more information.

Yours sincerely



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