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Dear Parent / Carer,

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award Programme 2021-22

As part of our extracurricular programme, we are delighted to announce that we are running the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award for Years 9 & 10 students only, this academic year.

The Duke of Edinburgh's award is a challenging, but ultimately rewarding experience for all participants. Students will learn lifelong skills, helping to make our young people more well-rounded individuals. Duke of Edinburgh certificates are viewed favourably by college and university admissions, as well as prospective employers.

Students wishing to take part in the Duke of Edinburgh are required to be registered; of which there is a non-refundable registration fee of £50.00. This fee includes the cost of registering the student with the DofE, purchasing their Bronze DofE Participant handbook, and associated school license fee. There will be additional costs involved whilst completing the award, some of which are outlined below.

This award is an extra-curricular activity; students on the award must be willing to give up a large proportion of their own time to attend training sessions and complete all components listed below. The award will take a minimum of 6 months to complete, and will challenge the mental, physical, and social capability of each individual.

The course consists of four blocks of activity, completed for a minimum of one hour per week, over consecutive weeks. All four blocks must be completed successfully and evidenced before the award is accredited. The sections, methods, and approximate costs involved are listed below.

1. Physical

An activity that involves a sport or physically exerting activity. For example, hockey, dance, rock climbing, football, swimming, yoga. This could be an activity students already participate in outside of school, or they can try something new.

2. Skill

The skill component can incorporate a variety of activities. These can include leadership, creative arts, and performing arts, care of animals, music, life skills, media, science and the natural world.

3. Volunteering

Students have two options available to them regarding this section. Students can independently organise to attend a local organisation, club, group, or charity in the community, and offer their services as a volunteer. Students may also volunteer to support extra-curricular clubs run within school.

4. Qualifying Expedition

The assessed expedition will involve a full two days, including an overnight camping stay. The students will also complete a day's offsite navigation training and practice expedition walk. The qualifying expeditions are assessed by a qualified DofE Assessor. There will be a cost involved with this section and this will be in the region of £100.00. The assessed expedition will take place in the Summer Term 2022; exact dates will be confirmed in due course for all offsite activities and expedition training. Additional equipment, clothing, walking boots, and food costs should be taken into account.

For those students who attract Pupil Premium, there is potentially some limited funding on a discretionary, individual needs basis. Please contact me (Mr Beese) in the first instance should you so wish. Please be aware that any equipment supplied on this discretionary basis would remain the property of NLS for future students to access.

If you would like your child to participate in The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, you child is asked to complete their letter of application (attached); please also complete the registration form (attached) and slip below, and return to the PE office no later than Friday 15th October. Whilst we have not stipulated a student capacity for participation, in the event the award is heavily oversubscribed, names will be considered by the following criteria.

- Quality of letter of application
- Contribution to school life (student leadership, behaviour, attendance, extra-curricular)
- All things being equal, students to be selected at random by names being pulled out of a hat

Once the participants have been confirmed, we will set up the registration fee on ParentPay and will notify you when this is ready for payment. Students cannot be registered and begin their award without prior payment of the registration fee.

Yours faithfully,

Mr A. Beese

Reply Slip: Please return the reply slip to Mr Beese, no later than Friday 15th October 2021

RE: Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award – interest in participation

My Child (name) _____ Tutor Group _____

Would like to participate in this year's Duke of Edinburgh Award for year 9/10 and be considered for a place. I understand that a selection process will be implemented should places be oversubscribed.

I consent to pay the associated costs involved with the Duke of Edinburgh award; including the £50.00 registration fee, and expedition costs of up to £100.00 for the expedition element.

(Parent/Carer) _____ Date _____

Student Letter of application

To be considered for a place on the Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Award, students should answer the question below as fully as possible.

'Why do you wish to undertake the Duke of Edinburgh's Award at North Leamington School?'

Name _____ Tutor Group _____