

24th September 2020

## **Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award**

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are delighted that your child has expressed an interest in completing The Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award during their time at KAA. The Award is a fantastic opportunity for young people to develop new skills and self-confidence, as well as being a great addition to their CV, university personal statement and/or sixth form applications.

In brief, each level of the Award (Bronze, Silver & Gold) consists of 3 sections; volunteering, physical and skill, plus an expedition. Your child will be expected to regularly commit to activities within these categories over a certain period of time. They will also take part in one practice and one assessed overnight camping expedition in order to fully complete the level they are working towards.

### **Bronze award provisional expedition dates**

2 day Practice Expedition	Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> - Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> April
2 day Qualifying Expedition	Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> May - Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> May

A DofE participant enrolment form will be given out during form time and needs to be returned by the 9<sup>th</sup> October.

More information about the expedition element of the Award will be provided in Spring Term 2.

### **Bronze award cost breakdown**

The cost of registration for this award is **£22**. This must be paid before your child can begin the award. **Payment is due via parent pay on or before 9<sup>th</sup> October**. This covers:

- Welcome pack
- Registration to eDofE
- 6 weeks of Expedition training

We appreciate this is a quick turnaround and if you have any concerns regarding this deadline please contact us directly using the email address below so we can provide further information regarding the available financial support.

To make the payment please log onto your Parent Pay account, where you will find an item labelled 'Duke of Edinburgh's Award Registration', which you can then add to your basket.

In March/April we will ask for a **second instalment to cover the practice and expedition costs**. For Bronze award this cost will be **£33** and will cover all expenses and equipment.

The only other expense will be a pair of walking boots later in the year. All tents, camping stoves, large rucksacks etc. will be provided.

### **Parent Information Evening**



The Award requires young people to demonstrate high levels of independence, commitment and motivation, so your support along the way will help greatly in ensuring their success. Closer to the time we would like to invite you to a **parent information evening** here at KAA or online. This will be an opportunity for you to find out more about the award, the expeditions and for us to answer any queries you may have. In the meantime, for more information on how to help your child get the most out of their DofE experience please visit [www.dofe.org](http://www.dofe.org). Alternatively, you are more than welcome to get in touch using the e-mail addresses below.

Many thanks for your support,

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