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Dear Parent/Carer

Duke of Edinburgh's Award

In a recent assembly, your son/daughter has expressed an interest in taking part in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award. To provide you with further information on how we plan to run the award, and the level of commitment required to complete the course, we would like to invite parents/carers and students to a short presentation evening which will be held on Monday 9 January at 6pm in the Main Hall.

The cost of joining the scheme is **£15.00** which includes registration and the Award Record Book. If you are happy for your child to take part in the award scheme, please complete the attached enrolment form and parental consent form and return it to the Resource Centre with payment by **Wednesday 1 February**.

I have also attached a section summary sheet and a Bronze Expedition Kit List. **Please note that you do not have to buy all of the equipment listed.** It will be necessary for your child to have a pair of stout shoes for walking and a set of waterproofs; other equipment, such as stoves and tents, can be provided by school or County Stores for a minimal hire charge. **There will be small additional charges made to take part in practice and assessed expeditions.**

In brief, we can offer the Bronze Award at Icknield, with a possibility in the future of introducing the Silver Award. To complete the Bronze Award, participants must be 14 years old and complete 4 stages:

Volunteering Volunteering is all about making a difference to other people's lives. Taking time out to change things for the better can be great fun.

From conservation, to youth work, to fundraising for your favourite charity or caring for animals, there's an endless list of the types of projects you can get involved in. So have a chat with your Leader and other people in your community to find out what's on offer, what needs doing and who needs help!



Physical Your son/daughter might already belong to a sports club, mountain bike club or if not why not try something new and keep a record. You don't need to be super fit or Olympic standard to achieve this section - giving it a go and getting better is enough.

From hockey to dance, rock climbing to swimming, wheelchair basketball to yoga - almost any dance, sport or fitness activity can count. You can join a team or do it on your own, concentrate on something you're already doing or try something completely different - it's up to you.

Skills The skills section is all about developing practical and social skills and personal interests. By choosing to develop a particular skill you are not only developing a new talent but you will also boost your self esteem, develop practical and social skills and learn how to set and rise to a challenge. If this isn't enough, it should also be good fun too!

From podcasting to playing a musical instrument, fine art to website design, there's an endless list of the types of skills you can do, so have a chat with your Leader and other people in your community to find out what's on offer!

Two of the above stages will take place over 3 months and 1 over 6 months.

Expedition The final stage is the expedition; this will be for 2 days and 1 night.

Yours faithfully

David Henwood
D of E Coordinator

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Duke of Edinburgh

Student name **Tutor Group**

My child would like to take part in the Award Scheme.

I enclose payment of £15.00 for my child's place.

Signed Date
Parent/Carer

Please return completed forms to Resource Centre