



Rossett School

Success for everyone

October 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award 2018-2019

Your child has expressed an interest in completing the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award. This award is very highly regarded by universities and employers; participating students achieve the award by completing a personal programme of activities in four sections. In addition to the expedition element which they complete at school, students need to select and organise activities from each of the sections below:

Volunteering	Physical	Skills
3 months (1 hour per week)	3 months (1 hour per week)	3 months (1 hour per week)
<i>All participants must undertake a further 3 months in one of the sections above</i>		

Ideas for these sections and further information about the award can be found at the following site:
<http://www.dofe.info/en.content.cms/doing-your-dofe/activities-sections>.

An unprecedented number of students are due to enrol on to the Duke of Edinburgh programme this year, as we are offering it to both Year 9 and Year 10 students. **Any student can enrol on to the Duke of Edinburgh programme for just £30, however students must show commitment by completing one of their activities by the end of January to continue with the expedition element, this activity can be back dated to September allowing ample time.** Evidence of completing this must be recorded on the 'e-DofE' website.

Key dates

The training and expedition dates listed below are all compulsory for successful completion of the award. Students will also be expected to attend some training after school which will be no more than an hour a week over six sessions, which are spread-out through the year – students will be notified of these dates in due course.

Training Day - Saturday 16 March 2019 – 9.30am-3.30pm.

This Training Day introduces students to camp-craft, map reading, first aid, useful equipment to take along and how to use stoves to prepare their own meals on the expedition. The course will take place at Rossett School. I will also give a presentation to parents about the Award and the expeditions. You will be able to ask me any questions you may have.

Practice Expedition - Saturday 11 May to Sunday 12 May 2019

The practice expedition is based around Bewerley Park near Pateley Bridge. Trained first aiders and Expedition Leaders will provide training and support to students during the two-day practice expedition. This will include camping overnight and hiking in the local area.

Assessed Expedition – Saturday 29 June to Sunday 30 June 2019

The Final Expedition is based around Breaks Fold Farm in Nidderdale. The participants camp overnight again and hike for 2 days. They are assessed by a DofE Assessor. Supporting staff cannot be actively involved with the participants in the Assessed Expedition but will meet them periodically throughout the expedition to ensure their safety.

Students are required to make their own way to and from the above expeditions – details to follow.

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Fees

The cost take part in the award there is a fee of £100, which includes enrolment fees, a welcome pack, essential staff training costs and camping charges and the loan of equipment, should you need it. Also, a further £30 is required in order to borrow school equipment and you will be reimbursed this on return of the borrowed gear.

To enrol on to the award please complete the attached form and return to the Finance Office by Friday 19 October with a non-refundable deposit of £30. If your child is successful and completes one section of the award before 31 January, another £40 should be paid by 8 February, another £30 due by 15 March and a cheque for £30 to borrow equipment is due by 12 April 2019.

Please feel free to email me with any queries cjackson@rossettschool.co.uk.

I hope your child enjoys the award as much as I did.

Yours Sincerely

C. Jackson

Mrs C Jackson
D of E Manager

The Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award 2018-2019

Student Name: _____	Form: _____
Date of Birth: _____	Male/Female*
Email address for student: _____	
Email address for parent: _____	
I give permission for my child to take part in the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award 2018-2019	
I enclose a cheque for £30 made payable to Rossett Green Charity, to confirm interest in the award.	
Signed (Parent/Carer) _____	Date: _____

Please return this slip with payment to the Finance Office by Friday 19 October 2018