



QUEEN'S PARK HIGH SCHOOL

17th September 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award

We are pleased to offer Bronze Duke of Edinburgh to Year 10 students again this year. The award has been running for over 50 years and is recognised by many employers and universities as the best qualification on a young person's C.V. after their academic qualifications. The award involves four sections – Volunteering, Skill, Sport, and Expedition. These are carried out over a period of between three and twelve months. Students have to commit at least one hour per week of their weekends or after school for volunteering, skill and sport. These will lead to a two day/one night practice expedition around April and a final assessment expedition around June/July 2019

The cost of the award has in the last twelve months drastically increased and as a consequence the registration fee has nearly doubled. However, I will endeavour to keep the costs to students to the very minimum to ensure that all who want to take part can do so. The school's Duke of Edinburgh Award unit does not receive any direct funding, but has in the past been able to pay for expedition equipment by generous donations as well as fundraising by the PTA (Parent Teacher Association). As a consequence, any costs incurred must be passed onto the students taking part.

Costs are as follows (you can pay in full if you wish):-

Registration fee (monies due 5 th October 2018)	=	£55.00
Practice expedition (monies due February 2019)	=	£70.00
Assessed expedition (monies due April 2019)	=	£70.00
Total cost for the Award	=	£195.00

I believe that completing the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award at Queen's Park High School is extremely good value for money. Completing the award privately at a Cheshire West & Chester Outdoor Centre would cost £352.00, whilst some Cheshire West Schools charge over £200.00.

To keep costs down, I will provide the following equipment to students: three-man tent, 60L rucksack, roll mat, stove, pans and burner, stove fuel, maps, map cases, compasses, emergency survival bags and emergency whistles. Students will be expected to provide personal equipment such as food, sleeping bags, cutlery and plates, personal first aid kits, walking boots*, waterproof coats and trousers*, plus normal clothing and toiletries. **(We do have some waterproof gear and walking boots in the stores for use by students if they do not purchase their own).*

If you would like your son/daughter to take up the place awarded to them, please return the attached slip by Friday 5th October 2018 together with payment of £50.00 (cash or cheque made payable to Queen's Park High School) to a member of the Finance Team who will be at the Teaching & Learning Support Office between 8.20 and 8.40am or 12.20 and 12.45pm.

Please note places are limited and are based on a first come first served basis.

If you have any further queries about the award, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email j.budgen@qphs.co.uk

Yours faithfully

Mr James Budgen - Duke of Edinburgh Co-ordinator

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Student: _____ Tutor Group: _____

☐ I would like my son/daughter to take up the offer of a place on the above award

☐ I enclose £55 as payment of Registration Fees

☐ I agree to pay the following:

Practice expedition (anticipated cost £70) due February 2019

Assessed expedition (anticipated cost £70) due April 2019

Any medical detail of which we should be aware – asthma, allergies etc. (add in space below):-

Signed: _____
(Parent/Carer)

Date: _____

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