



Archbishop Tenison's

CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

Exciting Opportunity – Year 9 Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award Programme

I am writing to share some exciting news with you about the forthcoming relaunch of the **Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award Programme**.

The Duke of Edinburgh Award is a prestigious programme that empowers young people to challenge themselves, develop new skills, and make a positive impact in their communities. It is an excellent opportunity to broaden their horizons, build confidence, and gain valuable experience that will benefit them both personally and academically.

We are thrilled to announce that we are planning to relaunch the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award Programme this year, and we are eager to gauge interest among Year 9 pupils. To help us determine the feasibility of providing this programme and to ensure that it meets the needs and interests of pupils, we kindly request that you fill out the attached questionnaire to help us gather valuable information about the level of interest among Year 9 pupils.

Please click here to complete the questionnaire - [Bronze DofE Questionnaire Link](#)

The cost for the programme is £50.00, which covers the administration of the award, official joining up costs and equipment upkeep. All costs with both the **practice** and **qualifying** expeditions will need to be paid in advance of any expedition. It is likely that expeditions will cost approx. £10 per day per participant, which will cover transport and accommodation costs. Participants are expected to provide personal equipment and food, while the school will provide tents and cooking equipment. Some personal equipment may be available on request.

We would like to be as inclusive as possible and encourage all pupils to join up. There is a large degree of flexibility with most of the award, which could take into account personal circumstances, such as ill health or disability. If there are potential barriers for pupils joining up such as; the cost, issues with providing expedition equipment, health concerns or any other issues, please get in touch with me to discuss. Funding may be available toward the cost of the award and expeditions, this will be based on pupils being registered for Free School Meals and Pupil Premium. Please contact me via email if you would like to discuss further.

The Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award Programme is an excellent way for pupils to develop important life skills, gain recognition for their achievements, and make a positive impact in their community. Through a series of engaging and rewarding activities, pupils will have the opportunity to explore new interests, challenge themselves, and develop valuable skills that will benefit them both now and in the future. The following link will give you further information about the award;
[Do DofE - The Duke of Edinburgh's Award \(www.dofe.org/do/\)](http://www.dofe.org/do/).

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Thank you for considering this exciting opportunity for your child. We look forward to hearing from you and working together to relaunch the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award Programme at Archbishop Tenison's School.

If you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me. We are here to support you and your child every step of the way.

Yours sincerely

Mr Croker

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DofE Manager