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Dear Parent(s) / Carer(s)

Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme - Bronze Enrolment

Your son/daughter has expressed an interest in taking part in the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. The award is a voluntary, non-competitive programme of activities. The award is a fantastic adventure that consists of four elements. Participants have to demonstrate commitment towards these elements over a number of months depending on which level they are working towards. It offers an individual challenge and encourages young people to undertake exciting, constructive, challenging and enjoyable activities in their free time. It is a nationally recognised award and is a good way to enhance a CV.

The award is a four section programme with three progressive levels, the Bronze, Silver and Gold. The sections involve:

Volunteering	Helping someone, your community or the environment
Physical	Recreation through sport, dance or fitness activities
Skills	Developing existing talents or trying something new
Expedition	Planning, training for and completing an adventurous journey

The John Warner School provides the opportunity for your son/daughter to participate in the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme by organising the expedition section. This letter is for enrolment to the award only and further payment will be required for the practice and qualifier expeditions in the region of £25.00 to £40.00 per expedition. The Bronze practise expeditions will be taking place in May 2019 and those pupils who are successful will then be invited to participate in a qualifying expedition in June 2019. Each participant must complete one practise expedition and one qualifying expedition in order to achieve the award.

Participants will have to be properly equipped to take part in the expedition. They will need walking boots and waterproofs, these can be expensive, although a good investment if you catch the outdoor bug. The school will be able to help out with other camping equipment such as tents and cookers. A full kit list can be found on the Duke of Edinburgh website <http://www.dofe.org>.

Also in order to successfully complete the expedition section there are various skills which pupils need to be trained in. Therefore there will be a training day held on a Saturday at the school, and in addition, first aid sessions after school.

The cost of enrolment at Bronze level is £29.00 and this gives access to the online recordkeeping website called eDofE. Please complete the payment details attached. Once enrolled, your son/daughter will be invited to an eDofE session where they will be shown how to use the online records as well as to check their plans for each section are appropriate. They will then be expected to complete their Volunteering, Skill and Physical Recreation sections before they can go on the expeditions next year.

Participants must undertake a minimum of three months activity at least an hour a week for each of the Volunteering, Physical and Skills sections. They will also have to spend an extra three months on one of the Volunteering, Physical or Skills sections. The Award is a big commitment and the pupils involved feel a massive sense of achievement at the end of the process. Once again, for information on what counts for each section please visit the Duke of Edinburgh website at <http://www.dofe.org>.

Historically the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award attracts a large number of pupils to participate and the enrolment is on a first come first serve basis. Please note the reply deadline is **Friday 25th May 2018**. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions.

Yours faithfully

Mrs L Kite
Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award
Coordinator

Mrs G Knights
Assistant Head: Director of Finance &
Resources

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Reply Slip

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If you wish to complete this reply slip electronically, then please complete the [consent and payment form](#) available to download from the school's website

Student's Name: _____

Form: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Payment Method – £29.00

- Wise Pay (via Internet)** Preferred payment method. If Wise Pay is showing that the trip is full, please contact the Finance Department in the first instance.
- Debit or Credit Card.** If you wish to pay by Debit or Credit card directly rather than through Wise Pay, then please call the school 01992 462889 and ask to be transferred to the Finance Department.
- Cheque.** If paying by cheque, please ask your child to hand payments directly to the finance office. Cheques should be made payable to The John Warner School.

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____
Parent / Carer