



Venerable Bede Church of England Academy

Dayspring Trust



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Dear Parent/Carer,

Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme

Pupils interested in the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme have received an enrolment form recently and I thought it would be useful to provide you with some information.

We are launching the Bronze Award with Year 9 pupils who can sign up and complete the award over the course of Year 9 and 10.

There are four sections that will need to be completed to gain the award: skills; physical; volunteering; expedition. More information about each section can be found on the website at www.dofe.org/

The school will provide training and organisation for the expedition. Completing the other sections will largely be up to pupils to arrange although we have staff who are keen to help pupils with those sections too. Many pupils are already engaged in qualifying activities e.g. football training, climbing, music lessons, trampoline etc.

There are a number of costs.

To sign up to the scheme costs £22 and for this your child will receive a pack and access to the D of E website and app.

The expedition will require a parental contribution towards campsite fees, diesel etc. but I will endeavour to keep costs for this to a minimum. Some parents will wish to purchase equipment for the expedition (discount at most outdoor retailers with D of E membership) although the school can provide some equipment. To participate in the expedition, pupils will need to have completed at least two other sections of the award. Details of the expedition will follow later.



If you are experiencing financial hardship, we can assist with some of these costs. Please give me a ring if you would like to discuss this.

If you would like your child to participate, please fill in the enrolment form and hand it in to the office. You will need to pay your £22 via parent pay.

If you have any questions about the D of E Award scheme at Venerable Bede Academy, please email me at chris.roberts@venerablebede.co.uk or call me on 0191 5239745 ext1149

Thanks



Mr C Roberts

D of E Award Manager

