



Tudor Grange Academy
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West Midlands
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Dear Parent/Guardian

Bronze Duke of Edinburgh : Year 9 Students

I would like to invite you and your son/daughter to a Bronze Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) information evening on Monday, 14th October at 6.30pm in Oak Hall.

The purpose of the evening will be to inform you of the benefits of taking part in the DofE programme. We will explain the requirements of the programme and give you the opportunity to ask any questions.

The DofE programme consists of four sections: volunteering, skill, physical and expedition. It would be an expectation that your son/daughter works to complete all sections except the expedition section independently. Students should be aware that the DofE Bronze programme will take around 6 months to complete. We expect at least two of the volunteering, physical and skills sections of the award to be completed by May 2020 if students are to take part in the expedition section, with the final section being completed before the end of the academic year.

The DofE team at Tudor Grange, in partnership with Rich Adventure*, will support your child in developing the skills required to complete the expedition section. Please be aware that during the expeditions students will be remotely supervised during the day. This means that they will only meet staff at agreed checkpoints throughout the day.

Students must agree to attend all meetings arranged by their DofE leader and understand that if they miss meetings their place on the scheme may be lost. This is to ensure that students have the necessary skills to take part in the expedition section of the programme. Students must be available for the two day training weekend on 2nd and 3rd May 2020 (not an overnight event, both days should be attended), the practice expedition/route planning event on 16th to 17th May 2020 and the qualifying expedition on 4th to the 5th July 2020.

The cost of the programme will be £25 for initial registration and expedition programme fees of £200 per participant. This covers: staffing, accommodation, navigation activities and camping site fees. **Please note**, participants will be required to make their own transport arrangements to and from the start and end points of the expeditions/training events. Payment of the registration fee should be paid through the Duke of Edinburgh option on ParentPay by 8th November 2019. Payment of the expedition programme can be made either in instalments or in full (please see application pack for further details) and must be paid through ParentPay by 31st May 2020.



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Application forms will be available on the evening, which will contain an attendance agreement, a medical form, an enrolment form and a bitesize planner (giving details of the activities students wish to complete for the physical, volunteering and skill sections). The deadline for all 4 of these documents will be Friday 25th October 2019. Letters of acceptance to successful students will be given out on Monday, 4th November 2019 and the ParentPay Y9 Bronze DofE 1819 payment option will then be made available to these students. The £25 registration will need to be paid by Friday, 8th November 2019.

In order to measure the level of interest for this award, can you please confirm your attendance at this event, including the name of your child and how many of you are attending, by completing the online reply slip emailed to you by Mrs Rayson (see also link below), at your earliest opportunity.

Yours sincerely



Mrs A Rayson
Duke of Edinburgh Manager

*: Rich Adventure are a DofE approved activity provider. We are required to share data relating to your child with Rich Adventure in order to safely deliver the programme. Rich Adventure store data securely in line with the Data Protection Act 2018.

Here's the link to the form "Y9 BRONZE DUKE OF EDINBURGH : Information Evening Reply Slip":

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=IUVmEPIfGE2U9SfICX2T_WTI_ZR1DulAktGzLBlomEBUMzIBMFBIQkJVSk81RzdXNE8wS1NXSE9FM4u