

12 November 2019

Dear Parents / Carers

DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD SCHEME

When students are in Year 10 we offer them the opportunity to take part in the **Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme**. If you are not familiar with the scheme, the DofE charity works with organisations across the UK to help young people gain essential skills, experience, confidence and resilience to help them navigate their adult life. It is a recognised and credible qualification, and one which opens many doors for young people once they leave school.

Further information about the DoE scheme can be obtained from their website:- www.dofe.org

In summary, the DoE Award is made up of 4 sections; **'Physical'**, **'Skills'**, **'Volunteering'** and the **'Expedition'**; three of these sections will be completed in the student's own time and the expedition section will be co-ordinated by myself in school.

There is an application and selection process and if successful, pupils must commit to 6 months in 1 section and 3 months in the others (eg. Physical Section: 6 months of 1 session per week; Skills & Volunteering: 3 months of 1 session per week). To complete the Expedition section, pupils need to commit themselves to attend 3 weekends between March and July of 2020.

In order for your son or daughter to be successful, they need to understand the importance of the commitment that goes into the Award. This scheme will involve your son or daughter giving up their own time, which involves the use of breaks, lunchtimes, after school and weekends. If your son or daughter cannot commit to giving up their time to attend the 3 weekends, then it is advisable that they do not apply.

How to Apply

As I am sure you can appreciate, the Award will be very popular and we have limited numbers who can take part in the scheme. If your son or daughter is interested in taking part they need to:-

- Submit a letter of application, addressed to Mr D Halliwell before: **Friday 29 November 2019**
- This letter must outline why they wish to take part and why they feel they are suitable.

When all applications are received a selection process will take place. Pupils will then be notified if they have been successfully selected and will receive further details of registration, key dates etc.

I would like to thank you in advance for supporting your son or daughter with their letter of applications and if you have any questions regarding this Award scheme, please do not hesitate to contact me on the school number 01942 728651.

Yours faithfully

D HALLIWELL (Mr)
Y10 Senior Learning Co-ordinator / Duke of Edinburgh Co-ordinator