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Dear Parent

Re: Year 10 Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award

As you are aware, your child in Year 9 took part in the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award. Unfortunately, their expedition was postponed due to Covid 19. In order to make progress towards their award, the Limited Edition Achievement Award was created. To achieve this award, participants would need to complete their volunteer, skill and physical section.

So that participants can achieve their full Bronze Award, adaptations have been made to the expedition section. This means not having to camp or travel to different locations.

Therefore, to complete the expedition section we will be offering students the opportunity to take part in two walking days during the school day on Wednesday 14 July and Thursday 15 July 2021. However, they can only take part in the expedition if they have achieved their volunteer, skill and physical section by Friday 18 June 2021.

On the day of the expedition, students will arrive to school at the normal time. They will begin the walk at 9am and return by 3pm. They will walk approximately 10-13 km, using a different circular route each day around the Hunstanton area. They will need to bring with them a packed lunch including plenty of water, sun cream, hat, personal first aid kit, be dressed in suitable clothes (no jeans) and shoes (these can be either sturdy trainers or walking boots). We also recommend they wear trousers due to the possibility of walking through nettles or attracting ticks. Students must bring a mask and a plastic bag to carry it in when not wearing it. Although they will be outside, a mask will be required when working closely with others to read a map.

Whilst on the expedition the participants will be tested on their navigation skills, teamwork, emergency procedures and map reading skills. We will use varying degrees of supervision, starting with direct instruction during day one, potentially leading to remote supervision during day two (as required by the DofE).

To ensure participants are completely independent during their expedition, mobile phones are **not** permitted. A school mobile will be provided for emergency use only. If students are seen using a mobile phone, they will fail the expedition and will not be allowed to take any further part in the award.

This expedition will be challenging and I fully expect the participants to be tested in many ways. This section is both emotionally and physically demanding and students will need to be organised and motivated. Please support your son or daughter, but do allow them to organise shopping and lunch packing etc. independently.

Any medication (with the exception of inhalers and EpiPens) required for the duration of the expedition should be placed in a clearly labelled envelope and handed to staff at the start of each day. This includes all prescription or non-prescription medications. Please ensure that you complete the medical form fully and accurately.



If you have paid towards the expedition in Year 9, then you will receive a refund via ParentPay (please check ParentPay and let us know if this has not been received). However, there will be a small cost of £25.00 to cover some expenses for the July expedition.

If you would like your son or daughter to take part, then please complete the reply slip below and make your payment of £25.00 via ParentPay by Wednesday 23 June 2021.

Yours sincerely

Ms A Moat
Duke of Edinburgh Co-ordinator

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Please return to Ms Moat by Wednesday 23rd June 2021

Student's Name:

Form:

I give permission for my son or daughter to attend the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Expedition on Wednesday 14 July and Thursday 15 July 2021

I enclose my completed Parental Consent Form.

I confirm that I have paid £25.00 via ParentPay for the cost of the expedition.

Signed: Parent/ Guardian

Date: