

22<sup>nd</sup> June 2020

Dear Parents/Guardian

### **DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD – BRONZE**

As part of their curriculum, incoming Year 9 students will attend dedicated lessons in relation to the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme as part of the curriculum. In addition to the four main activities as outlined below, the lessons will cover: first aid, camp craft, cooking, navigation, map reading and route planning. The aim is to develop necessary life skills and hopefully encourage as many Year 9 students as possible to enrol onto the scheme in order to gain their Bronze Award over the next 12 months. They might then wish to progress to Silver and Gold level.

The Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme prides itself as being accessible and inclusive to all young people. It presents an excellent opportunity for personal development and is well recognised by employers across the UK and beyond. Indeed, many employers and colleges run the scheme themselves for their young employees and students. For more details visit [www.dofe.org](http://www.dofe.org)

1. **VOLUNTEERING** – help out in some way with the community e.g. charity shop, nursery, after-school club, buddy reading, sports coaching to younger students, Brownies, Cubs, Woodcraft, conservation, care homes etc.
2. **PHYSICAL RECREATION** – participate/improve in a sport or swimming, cycling, multi-gym, tennis, ultimate frisbee, football, hockey, rugby, water-polo, cricket, golf, netball, dancing etc.
3. **SKILL** – participate/improve in a skill or hobby e.g. acting, tech crew for play, photography, musical instrument, singing, craft, art, sporting development etc.
4. **EXPEDITION** – complete a 15 mile expedition in teams of 5 -7 on foot over 2 days, involving an overnight camp.

In order for your child to participate in the award scheme, please login to SCOPay, the schools online payment system and pay the administration fee of £22.00, which is passed on to the scheme administrators, this does however pay for a participant's handbook, which provides additional information along with a record of achievement booklet. Registration is subject to receipt of payment through SCOPay,

If you do not have your SCOPay login details, please email [adminoffice@iscaexeter.co.uk](mailto:adminoffice@iscaexeter.co.uk) where staff will arrange for this to be emailed to you.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me ([jmiller@iscaexeter.co.uk](mailto:jmiller@iscaexeter.co.uk)) or Mrs Byron ([cbyron@iscaexeter.co.uk](mailto:cbyron@iscaexeter.co.uk)) at school.

Yours sincerely,

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