

13th June 2018

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: The Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Award Scheme

The Arnewood School is proud to be able to offer your son/daughter the opportunity to take part in the Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Award Scheme - the world's leading achievement award for young people.

“Doing a D of E programme is a real adventure from beginning to end – it doesn't matter who you are or where you're from. You just need to be between the ages of 14 and 24 and realise there's more to life than sitting on a sofa watching life pass you by.”

As a participant in the scheme, your son / daughter will undertake four areas of development – volunteering, physical activity, skills training and an expedition. These will provide life-long skills such as independent thinking and learning, the ability to plan and use time effectively and will encourage students to discover new talents and abilities.

The D of E award scheme also offers students the chance to enhance their future university applications by offering an award that has been completed in their own time and off their own back. It is also highly regarded by employers and in this highly competitive world in which we live , any opportunity to help advance the prospects of the children has to be worthwhile.

Your son / daughter will have had an assembly about the award this week, and bringing this letter home is an indication of their interest in completing the award with us. Alongside this letter is some information regarding dates and costs that you may find useful.

If your son / daughter wishes to apply, they should fill in the attached application form and registration form and return it, along with a £27 registration fee. This will be returned to you should your son / daughter not be successful in gaining a place on the award.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs M Knight
D of E Co-ordinator

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Costs

Dof E registration costs £27 per student - to be paid when applying. This will be reimbursed if your application is unsuccessful.

£125 over the year to cover:

- Camping
- Minibuses and transport
- Insurance
- Kit hire
- Assessor fees
- Personalised D of E hoody

Students will also be required to have their own walking boots, waterproofs and compass.

Dates

Our provisional dates for day walks and expeditions are as follows:

- September 29th 2018 – Day walk in the New Forest (staff led)
- May 18th 2019 – Day walk in the New Forest (student led)
- June 15th -16th 2019 – Expedition and camping in the New Forest (student led)
- July 6th – 7th 2019 – Expedition and camping in the Purbecks.

These dates are all subject to change. Final dates will be in place by September 2018. Students will need to be available to attend all of these days and weekends.

Sessions

The award will be completed mostly in students' own time under our guidance and supervision. There will be some lunch time and after-school sessions throughout the year, arranged to suit both students and staff (so as not to clash with drama / sporting activities). More information about sessions will be given to students who successfully gain a place on the award.