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9th November 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

RE: Duke of Edinburgh – Year 9 Bronze Award 2023/24

Thank you for submitting the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Enrolment Form by the deadline. As mentioned at the parents meeting, we must now enrol your daughter on to the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme in order for her to attain the award and receive her badge and certificate before the end of the year.

<u>Payment</u> – In order for the school to enrol your daughter, we are requesting that you make a payment of **£60** to the school via your KEVI LSG account. This can be paid from **Friday 27**th **October 2023**; however we ask that this be paid on or before **Friday 17**th **November 2023**. It would be extremely helpful if all payments could be made on time, however, if this is an issue, then please do not hesitate to contact me to discuss an alternative arrangement for payment.

Expedition Training — Expedition training will commence from the week beginning Thursday 16th November 2023 until Thursday 14th March 2024 between 15:15 and 16:30. Each participant will be assigned to an expedition group. We ask that participants do not miss any of these sessions without a valid reason as participants must complete all the training and the training would then have to be rearranged. If participants miss 2 sessions, we will speak with you and we may withdraw the option of them completing the expedition with us this academic year. If they are aware in advance that they will be missing the session then they are welcome to attend the session being run on the previous Monday as that is when Year 10 have their training.

<u>Training and Expedition Dates</u> – As mentioned at the parents meeting, there are a number of dates that we ask you to keep free; N.B. if participants miss any of these then we will withdraw the option of them completing the expedition with us this academic year. These dates are:

- Navigation Skills Day and Practice Expedition is planned for Monday 15th April 2024
- Qualifying Expedition is planned for Thursday 4th and Friday 5th July 2024 with a reserve date of Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th September 2024.

<u>eDofE</u> – Participants will receive their online login details at the first available meeting after we have received them. We have done this so that students are encouraged to start their Bronze programme as soon as possible and it would be extremely helpful if you could encourage and support your daughter in keeping regular evidence of the time and effort they are committing each week, which can be uploaded onto their eDofE account which becomes the main assessment process. Please note also that two sections from Physical, Skills and Volunteering must be completed in order to attend the Skills Day, Practice Expedition and Qualifying Expedition. The deadline for this is Monday 11th March 2024.







Please check that you have made a note of all the important dates mentioned in the letter and if you have any questions about the Duke of Edinburgh Award or the process, please do not hesitate to contact me on m.fox@lsg.kevibham.org.

Thank you for your continued support of this fantastic award.

Yours sincerely,

Matthew Fox Duke of Edinburgh Coordinator