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**Devizes School**  
 & Sixth Form College  
 Raising aspirations, building futures

December 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian

### **Duke of Edinburgh Award: Bronze**

Your son/daughter is being offered the opportunity to participate in the Duke of Edinburgh Award. This is a long running award scheme that gives young people the chance to learn new skills, challenge themselves and gain further recognition for their achievements outside school. The award is recognised in the UK and around the world and many people have found that it has given them a leading edge when applying for courses and jobs. Participating in the award brings new interests, develops key skills as well as being enjoyable and memorable.

There are four sections to the award: Volunteering, Physical, Skills and Expedition. The first three sections are carried out independently but with support from staff at school. Each student will choose activities personal to them and complete an hour a week for the duration shown in the table below. The expedition is a 2-day, one-night walking and camping trip in the Wiltshire area. Students will be trained in the required navigation and camping skills and will participate in a day walk, practice and assessed expeditions. The expeditions will take place between June and July 2021, dates will be confirmed as soon as they are known. For the expedition the school can provide group kit (tents, stoves, maps) and participants will have to provide their own personal kit and food.

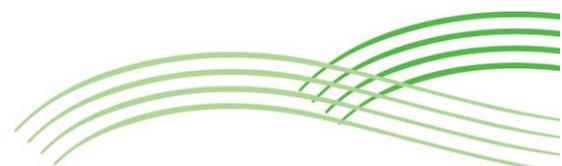
A number of adaptations have been made by the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme in order to allow these activities to be carried out safely within the COVID-19 regulations.

<b>Bronze Award Programme</b>			
<b>Volunteering</b>	<b>Physical</b>	<b>Skills</b>	<b>Expedition</b>
3 months	3 months	3 months	Plan, train for and complete a 2-day, 1-night expedition.
All participants must undertake a <b>further</b> 3 months in the Volunteering, Physical or Skills section. Each section requires an average of one hour per week for the duration of that section			

The cost of completing the award is £100.00 in total, covering enrolment and the expeditions including group kit hire. Financial aid is available for students in receipt of PP and those affected financially by the COVID pandemic.

£25.00 Non-refundable deposit due Friday 8th January 2021  
£35.00 Instalment 1 due 5th February 2021  
£40.00 Instalment 2 due 5th March 2021

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If you have any questions regarding the DofE Bronze Award, please go to <https://www.dofe.org/doing-your-dofe/> where you will be able to find out lots about the Duke of Edinburgh Scheme. In addition, please don't hesitate to contact me at [pjones@devizes.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:pjones@devizes.wilts.sch.uk).

Please complete and return the reply slip below and pay the deposit by Friday 8th January 2021. Payments should be made via the ParentPay online facility and this will include permission for your son/daughter to participate in the Award. If you have yet to activate your account or mislaid the password and user name details previously sent, please contact the school and we will email the information that you need.

Yours sincerely



**Miss P Jones**  
**OAA Coordinator**

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**Reply Slip: Please return to tray in the RAL office by Friday 18th December 2020.**

Name of Student: ..... Tutor Group: .....

My son/ daughter will be participating in the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award.

Signed: ..... (Parent) Date: .....

Our family has been financially affected by the COVID pandemic. Please tick if yes.