

Church Stretton School  
6<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Ref: Duke of Edinburgh Award

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are delighted to inform you about a fantastic opportunity which is available for your child. Your child has been given the opportunity to participate in the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze award.

The award consists of four elements which your child would have to complete; volunteering, physical, skill and expedition to achieve the award.

The course is separated into four segments:

- Volunteering (helping people in the community)
- Skills (covering almost any hobby, skill or interest)
- Physical Recreation (sport, dance and fitness)
- Expeditions (training for, planning and completing a journey on foot)

Students are able to complete all sections at their own leisure with the exception of the expedition. For the students, the expedition is the focal point of the course and will develop several fundamental survival / life skills. Pupils will have to plan their own route navigating through several check points, use a compass effectively as not to get lost, set up camp, erect their tent, and pack the contents they wish to live off for the weekend. These are two challenging weekends and will further develop your child's ability to work effectively as part of a team and additionally an enjoyable time will be had by all.

The expedition will take place between the following dates:

- Practice expedition Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2022
- Main Expedition: Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June – Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2022

If circumstances arise where restrictions make it difficult for the expeditions to take place, we will do everything possible to facilitate alternative dates, but we must make you aware that we would not be able to refund any costs that have occurred.

The award will require students to attend a fortnightly training session, where they will be taught the skills required to embark on the expedition element of the award. Dates and times of these meetings will be announced in January.

The cost of the award is £150, which will enrol your child on the award and enable them hire of all the necessary equipment for their expeditions (tents, Trangias, etc). In addition, it is advised that your child purchases a pair of hiking boots, a sleeping bag, a rucksack and a waterproof. There are a selection of rucksacks and waterproofs available to hire should you wish.

If your child would like to participate on the award could you fill out the attached Microsoft form by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December so we can get an idea of numbers

<https://tinyurl.com/yckhmu6n>

We hope to see your child on the award.

Kind regards,

M. Cox and J. Davis