

Our ref: TBA/PAD

5 November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme

I am writing to introduce the Duke of Edinburgh Award, the world's leading youth achievement award. There are three levels to the award; Bronze, Silver and Gold. This year we are enrolling Year 9 students for the Bronze Award, which should take between nine months to a year to finish. Each year, up to 100 students successfully complete their Duke of Edinburgh Award with Plume Academy.

The Bronze Award consists of four sections; skill, physical, volunteering and expedition. For the first three sections of the award, students need to show that they are regularly taking part in an activity, under each of the headings, for a minimum of three months, with one activity for six months. This is to be completed independently of the school.

The expedition section consists of a series of training lessons on camp craft and expedition planning, with a final assessed overnight expedition. The practice expedition is planned to take place on the weekend of 23-24 April 2022 in the Danbury area and the assessed expedition on 18-19 June 2022 in and around Rendlesham Forest. An initial training session will take place on Thursday 2 December 2021 via TEAMS in order for students to register with the Award and be briefed about completing the skill, physical and volunteering sections. Training for the expedition will begin on Thursday 13 January 2022 at 3.15pm in the Utility Hall Fambridge Road and will continue on a weekly basis until the end of the year.

The cost of the award is £140 which includes registration to the award, a welcome pack, a t-shirt, hat, equipment hire, training the overnight training expedition and the assessed expedition to Rendlesham. Please note students will need to make their own travel arrangements for the assessed expedition. If you wish your child to enrol, please return the £30 registration fee to the Finance Office by **Friday 19 November**, together with a completed medical form. Payment can be made by ParentPay or cheque, made payable to 'Plume'.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact one of us at the Plume Academy
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Further information about the award can be found at the organisation's website:

www.dofe.org

Yours sincerely

Mr M Adams and Mrs P Adams
Duke of Edinburgh Team

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**Please return to the Finance Office
Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award Scheme Payment Form for Year 9 Students**

Name Form would like to make payment of £30 registration fee to secure their place on the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award Programme.

Signed..... Date.....
(Parent/Carer)

Please circle: ParentPay Cheque

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