

5th October 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians

Re: Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award 2022/23

We are writing to inform you that Ruislip High School is now enrolling our current Year 9 students for the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme.

The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme is a fantastic and prestigious achievement, is great fun and provides many opportunities but also involves a lot of hard work.

The Bronze Duke of Edinburgh programme is broken down into four sections:

- volunteering;
- physical recreation;
- skill;
- expedition.

Students will need to begin their Bronze programme by completing three months' volunteering, three months' skill and six months' physical or complete six months' volunteering, three months' skill and three months' physical - depending on personal preference.

The award consists of:

- one in-house training session led by mountain leaders which all students will be expected to attend. This will be on 18th March 2023
- two expedition camping weekends, each lasting for two days and one night to include pre-assessed and assessed expeditions. For these expeditions students are expected to plan their routes and meals, be completely self-sufficient, carry a large backpack and work as a team.

The pre-assessed Bronze expedition will be Saturday 20th – Sunday 21st May 2023 (this is a practice run) and the assessed bronze expedition will be Saturday 17th – Sunday 18th June 2023. A trained Duke of Edinburgh assessor will be closely monitoring the progress of students to ensure they meet the expedition criteria.

In order to participate in the expeditions there is an expectation of a good behaviour record in school and demonstration of a strong commitment to the award throughout the course of the year. If a student falls below these expectations a decision may be made by the Head of Year and the Senior Leadership Team to remove them from the scheme. If a student is removed from the scheme by the school due to poor behaviour, all costs incurred by the school up to that point will need to be covered by the parent/guardian. Refunds will be given for any costs that can be refunded.

The cost of the course is approximately **£275**. This is dependent on the intake of students attending Bronze Duke of Edinburgh this academic year, and this price could fluctuate slightly. We will of course update you on the final cost once we have attendance figures. At this point we ask that a deposit of £50 be paid via ParentPay.

Confirmation of attendance needs to be completed and handed in by October 13th 2022 to secure your child's place. Please click [here](#).

Payment schedule to include initial payment via ParentPay as stated below:

31st October 22 - £50 (secure participant place)
30th November 22 - £50
31st December 22 - £50
31st January 23 - £50
28th February 23 - £50
29th March 23 - £25

The cost of the award scheme is approximately £275 per student as stated. This will cover their logbook, in-house mountain leader training and close supervision on both trips by mountain leaders to consist of: two weekend trips; transport to and from for both expeditions; kit hire; camping fees; minibus hire; direct licence fee and the cost of assessors on the final expedition.

Please note that once logbooks and the direct licence fee is designated to participants there will be no refund from the initial payment of £50 due in October, 2022.

The Duke of Edinburgh Award is a fantastic opportunity for Ruislip High students. It will enable them to develop widely recognised life skills and provide them with a sense of adventure. In addition, students will make a difference to other people's lives within the Ruislip community through their volunteering. They will become fitter and healthier, make new friends and return with memories that will last a lifetime.

For more information on the award scheme, please visit: www.dofe.org. Should you have any queries please contact Ms K Hunter.

Yours sincerely



Ms K Hunter
Duke of Edinburgh Coordinator