



BISHOP CHALLONER CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Dear Parent/Carer

DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

The school will be running the Duke of Edinburgh (D of E) Award at Bronze level from November 2018. Your son/daughter has shown an interest in attaining the D of E and I would, therefore, like to take this opportunity to give you some information about the award.

Since it began in 1956, the aim of the D of E award has been to help young people to plan and undertake their own programme of activities to develop mentally, physically, emotionally and spiritually. The award will take six months to a year to perform and requires each pupil to cover four activity areas. Firstly, the volunteer section which involves activities that help the communities, individuals and groups. Your child could become involved in an environmental project, work with older people, young children or help out at your local church. The skills section includes a range of activities including pursuing a hobby, developing a new skill or interest. The physical recreation section can include a variety of forms of dance, sport or fitness activity. Finally, the expedition involves training for, planning and completing a journey on foot. Whilst we will regularly meet with the pupils and organise and prepare them for the expedition section, the award requires a large amount of initiative and independence for successful completion.

The total cost of the award is £170 which will cover the residential costs, transportation on expeditions and training, some equipment, registration with the D of E, the award log book and payment of courses. Please note that additional personal clothing and footwear will have to be provided by you. **It must be stressed that spaces on the award are limited to 42 places** and can be secured on a first come first served basis by deposit payment and consent via schoolcomms which will go live on **Monday 22nd October 2018**.

Payment dates are as follows:

Monday 22 nd October 2018	£50.00 (Non-refundable deposit)
Monday 26 th November 2018	£35.00
Monday 11 th February 2019	£35.00
Monday 25 th March 2019	£25.00
Monday 22 nd April 2019	£25.00

The expedition dates are as follows,

Practice Walk: **Sunday 10th March 2019** 9-2pm (Lickey Hills)

Practice Expedition: **Friday 5th April – Saturday 6th April 2019** (The Lickey Hills and surrounding area)

Assessed Expedition: **Sunday 14th July- Monday 15th July 2019** (The Malvern Hills and surrounding area)



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Training sessions will run after school and the first session will be held on **Thursday 15th November 2018 (Library 3.15pm)**. A timetable with all following dates of training session will be given out at this first meeting.

In order to publicise opportunities offered within PE and Sport in the school, photographs or video evidence of events may be taken for use in school publications, school website etc. If you are not happy for your child to have their photo taken please contact me on the number below.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information. Additional information on the scheme is available on the award's web-site, <http://www.dofe.org/>

Yours faithfully,

K.Beall
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PE Teacher