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Dear Parent / Carer

Enrolment for Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award, 2022

I have the pleasure of enclosing an Enrolment Form for your child to participate in The Duke of Edinburgh Award this year.

Once enrolled, your child will receive a welcome pack and a login for the DoE website and app. The password will be their date of birth (8 digits - DDMMYYYY). It is important that they provide their own email address to use for their DoE account. This can be their school email address in most cases, unless you have difficulties accessing this at home.

Once they have their account set up, they will be able to start recording the Volunteering, Physical and Skills sections of the Award. For each section, they will need an “assessor” to keep track of their progress and write an authenticated report at the end. Naturally, the assessor supervising the activity inside or outside of school cannot be a family member and must be an adult over the age of 18. Your child will need to spend about an hour a week on each of their sections and they will need to upload evidence and assessor reports after each section is completed.

Please remember that these sections must be completed (or show significant progress) before your child is allowed to participate in the qualifying Expedition on Monday 20th June 2022.

Costs

The cost to register for the Award is £23 and the cost of the Expedition component is £150. Please note that the training day will take place at school and the Expeditions will take place in the surrounding countryside within a reasonably short drive. This will allow you to drop your child off (or make your own arrangements) rather than going to the great expense of paying for a coach. Almost all of the equipment will be provided by the school or “School of Outdoors”, but there may be some items such as outdoor clothing and personal sleeping bag, that you may need to purchase.

For those wanting to proceed, payment can be made via ParentMail on or before the dates outlined below.

- First payment of £73 to cover enrolment and deposit for the Expeditions. The final deadline for the first payment (£73) and the return of enrolment forms will be Friday 18th February 2022. Enrolment Forms are to be returned to the Internal Post Box which is located near the Site Team Office in the Jubilee Building. Please ensure this is in an envelope clearly marked for my attention.
- Second payment of £100 to be made by the end of term, Friday 8th April 2022.

The Buckingham School is concerned that every student should have the opportunity to attend school activities/obtain equipment, regardless of their financial circumstances. As such, it may be possible to subsidise those students who would otherwise be unable to attend trips/purchase items. Please feel free to write in confidence to finance@buckinghamsschool.org, if you wish to seek assistance, or obtain more information about Pupil Premium funding.



Please double check the dates below before enrolling and paying the deposit. Several parents have asked about whether or not it is possible to arrange alternative dates due to prior family engagements. Unfortunately, all participants will be charged the same amount and if you are not able to commit to those dates then we would not be able to arrange other dates. However, you will still be able to enroll (£23) through the school and then make your own arrangements with regards to the Expeditions. "School of Outdoors" and other private companies offer many "open" Expeditions where candidates can participate individually or with groups of friends. Please indicate this on your Enrolment Form if that is something that you feel would suite your situation. Your child would still receive guidance with the other parts of the Award and may be able to join the school Expeditions at a later point. However, there would be no guarantee of your child being accommodated on the school Expeditions run by "School of Outdoors" if a deposit has not been paid. This is because they will need to book campsites and instructors well in advance.

Training Day: Wednesday 27th April 2022

Practice Expedition: Saturday 28th May 2022 - Sunday 29th May 2022

Qualifying Expedition: Monday 20th June 2022 – Tuesday 21st June 2022

I look forward to receiving your child's Enrolment Form and deposit before half term. If you have any further questions in the time being then please get in touch again using the contact details below.

Yours faithfully

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