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Dear Parent/ Carer

### **Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme 2018 - Year 9**

Your son/daughter has shown an interest in participating in the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme. Outwood Academy Bydales will be supporting the award in conjunction with Guisborough Youth Centre who are leading and coordinating the Expedition section.

The award consists of four sections: Physical, Skill, Volunteering and an overnight Expedition. To complete these sections students must show commitment and initiative.

Included in the programme of training is a selection of practice walks which take place over the winter & spring term, before the actual expedition which takes place in the summer term.

All the training for the Expedition is carried out by Qualified Unit Leaders with the help of additional adults. However, although advice is given to youngsters regarding the other sections of the award they are expected to use their own initiative to plan, prepare and complete these sections in their own time. There will be Enrichment sessions after school to help with the completion of the e-DofE where students log their progress in the skills sections online.

Expedition training will take place on selected days during holidays and weekends. Participants will only be permitted to take part in the final assessment weekend if this training is completed to the satisfaction of the Unit Leaders.

To enrol in the scheme, students must complete and bring the attached enrolment form and cash or cheque for £25 (payable to Outwood Academy Bydales); to cover the cost of the e-DofE pack. The deadline for this is Friday 23 February 2018. A meeting for parents will be arranged shortly afterwards.

The total cost of the Award will be £174. This goes towards the costs of renewing or repairing kit (tents, stoves, maps etc) that the young people will require to complete the award and also the fees for the Unit Leaders and assessors.

Yours faithfully



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