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Dear Parent/Carer

Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme 2019 - Year 9

Your child 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 spring term, before the actual Expedition which takes place in the summer term.

All of 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 system, where students log their progress in the skills sections on-line.

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 return the attached enrolment form. A fee of £25 is payable for registration and the e-DofE pack, please note this fee is non-refundable. Where possible, payments should be made via 'SCOPay', details of which have been previously sent to parents to create an account. Payment by cash or cheque (payable to Outwood Academy Bydales) can still be made; students should bring the payment to the Finance Team, based behind Student Reception during break time. The deadline for this is **Friday 27 September 2019**. A meeting for parents will be arranged shortly afterwards.

The total cost of the Award will be £175. 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 employed by RCBC.

Yours faithfully



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