



June 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

Duke of Edinburgh's Award at Brockington College

I would like to offer all pupils in Year 9 the opportunity to enrol on the Duke of Edinburgh Award. This course will start in September 2019, but by enrolling now it means that each pupil taking part will have received the relevant information by September.

The award is run as follows:

- In September, all pupils involved will attend an induction. They will be introduced to the eDofE website and information about the physical, skills and volunteering sections will be given out.
- At this point, pupils are expected to start at least one of these sections. The expectation is that they will have completed one section before they go on a practice expedition and another section before they go on an assessed expedition.
- In the spring term, there will be a number of training sessions that prepare pupils for the expedition section of the award. Attending the training is a compulsory part of the course, so that we are confident that pupils have the knowledge and understanding to cope with the challenges of trekking and the countryside. The training sessions take place after school and run from 3.15pm – 4.15pm.
- In the summer term, pupils will take part in two expeditions. The practice expedition is on a Saturday and Sunday, whereas the assessed expedition is on a Friday and a Saturday. There will be a choice of dates that they can attend.

The cost of the award is as follows:

- The initial cost for enrolling your child is £50, which is non-refundable. This also covers the cost of the DofE licence that the school has to have to run the award. This is due in July this year.
- Once we get to the expeditions, there is a further cost. This covers the cost of campsites, transport to and from the expedition, the provision of an approved assessor for the qualifying expedition and a contribution towards the maintenance of borrowed equipment.
- The second cost will be a maximum of £100 and will be split into two equal instalments. Each instalment must be received before your child can attend an expedition.
- All payments should be made via ParentPay by the instalment dates. If your child is eligible for opportunity funding, please contact the school office for a claim form.

I will be holding a parents meeting on Wednesday 19th June at 6pm. This will take place in the lecture theatre. If you have any queries or concerns, please email me at dofe@brockington.leics.sch.uk or telephone the school reception and leave a message.

Yours sincerely

Matt Gardner
DofE Manager

