



Icknield Community College

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Dear Parent/Carer

This week's assembly launched the Duke of Edinburgh season. As your child is now in Year 9 and will turn 14 within the school year, they are eligible to enrol as Bronze participants. The Duke of Edinburgh Award is a fantastic opportunity for young people to learn new skills, take on new challenges and responsibilities, and boost their confidence.

The award consists of four sections: Volunteering, Skill, Physical and Expedition. Each participant completes one hour per week for 3 or 6 months for each of the Volunteering, Skill, and Physical sections, as well as undertaking a 2 day walking and 1 night camping Expedition. These sections are completed outside of school hours before the qualifying expedition, to ensure students complete their award within the school year. If you have any questions about the different sections, please do not hesitate to ask.

This season, the Practice Expedition will take place in Warwickshire on **Friday 10 May – Saturday 11 May 2019**. The cost of the practice expedition is £40. This season, the Qualifying Expedition will take place in the Cotswolds on **Friday 12 July – Saturday 13 July 2019**. The cost of the practice expedition is £49.

To reserve a place, please return the Participant Enrolment Form to the Finance Office by **Friday 7 December 2018**. Payment of **£21** (which is non-refundable) for the Enrolment fees, includes students' welcome pack and their own eDofE account to track their Award and section successes, not to mention their badge and certificate once they have completed their Award! Please make payment by cheque (payable to Acer Trust) or cash to the Finance Office, alternatively on line via ParentMail +Pay.

There will be a student and parent information evening at 6:30pm on Thursday 8 November in the school canteen.

Yours faithfully

Katherine Scane
DofE Co-ordinator