

July 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award

I am very pleased to say that five years ago Prioory became a Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE) licenced organisation.

The DofE is a nationally and internationally recognised award, favoured by employers and universities alike. The programme builds confidence, dedication and commitment - attributes we all want to see in our young people, and demand for the DofE is greater today than ever before.

There are three progressive levels of DofE which, when successfully completed, lead to a Bronze, Silver or Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award. To achieve an Award, your son/daughter will complete a programme of activities in four sections that involve helping the community/environment, becoming fitter, developing new skills, planning/training for and completing an expedition.

Your son/daughter has successfully applied for one of the places and therefore we would like you to attend to a short meeting on Wednesday, 12 September at 5pm.

Research has shown that young people completing the DofE gain key employability skills such as leadership, decision making, confidence, team working and understanding of others. The programme provides a sense of adventure and the DofE experience has a lasting impact on young people's behaviour, skills and life chances.

There is an enrolment fee of £25 to begin the Bronze Award with a later additional cost of £25 covering transport and accommodation for the expedition element.

Please complete the attached forms and enclose in a named envelope along with the enrolment fee of £25 and the expedition cost of £25, and return to Mrs Cookson in the finance office by Friday, 21 September 2018.

Yours sincerely

Andy Watters
Lead Teacher for Geography
DofE Co-ordinator

