



# LYDIARD PARK ACADEMY

Dear Parents,

4<sup>th</sup> November 2020

I would like to offer the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme to Year 9 and look forward to our young participants challenging themselves over the next year. We offer a mixed programme of supported opportunities and independent activities to enable each participant the chance to complete their award.

The award is split into four sections: physical, skills, volunteering and expeditions. The academy will support your child with their expedition section and we ask the participants to independently organise their volunteering, skills and physical sections. Each section must have an assessor (they must not be a family member though) and the participant must choose a length of time and goals to try and achieve. At least one of the sections must be over six months but the others can just be three. Your child will be given clear instructions on what activities can count towards each section when we meet during scheduled session 6.

Due to COVID-19 we will start by focussing our efforts on the physical, skills and volunteering sections. Your child will earn a recognised certificate of achievement as soon as these three sections are complete. We would then evaluate whether the expedition section can go ahead closer to Easter. We have successfully run our own expeditions and have a fully trained team to help your child explore with confidence. We will train, help prepare and assess your child for their expedition. This section would be optional to your child should they wish to upgrade their certificate of achievement to the full Bronze award. The total cost of the expedition fee will be released closer to the time.

The cost for registering to the Bronze DofE award 2020 will be £22. If this is an opportunity you would like your child to take part in, please complete the attached application/ registration form and pay the participant's registration fee via Parent Pay by Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2020. If you require financial assistance to help contribute to the cost of the award, please speak to myself as we have resources where we can support eligible students.

I will be registering students and providing details of session 6's from the 23<sup>rd</sup> November. Unfortunately, we are unable to offer any refunds two weeks after registration (Monday 07/12/2020), therefore please do consider if this is something you wish your child to do.

Please note: As we have a limited number of spaces available we will be acting on a first come, first served basis.

If you do have any queries, please visit the DofE website <https://www.dofe.info/en/content/cms/doing-your-dofe/>

Yours faithfully,

Miss Robertson  
Duke of Edinburgh Award Manager



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