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19th October 2020

Dear Parent/ Carer,

During year nine, your child has the opportunity to complete their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award at Trentham Academy. The award is internationally recognised by businesses, colleges and universities as it aims to develop young people for life and work. It consists of four elements; volunteering, physical, skills and expedition. For the first three elements, the award encourages participants to set their own goals and show commitment and dedication to complete those aspects within a required time. The expedition element consists of two weekends away camping as a group. During these weekends your child will learn a wide variety of skills such as map reading, camp craft and route planning before walking their planned routes in small groups.

We would normally host an information evening for parents of students who are interested in completing the award but unfortunately this year that is not possible. I have had the chance to talk to your child during form today about the award and they have expressed an interest in completing it. Information about the Award, including informative videos can be found on the Academy website:

<https://www.trenthamacademy.co.uk/academy-life/duke-of-edinburgh-award/>

The Duke of Edinburgh Award has been offered here at Trentham for a number of years at Bronze and Silver level. We fully believe in the benefits it can offer to pupils who participate in it. Students currently in year 9 are eligible for the Bronze award and those currently in year 10 are eligible for the Silver award, once they have completed Bronze.

The cost of the Bronze award is £145.00, this covers the cost of your child's DofE welcome pack and their two expedition weekends (including qualified instructors, hire of tents and stoves). If your child would like to sign up to the award, please complete the Bitesize planner form found on the academy website and return to myself in the PE department by Tuesday 3rd November to confirm your child's place on the award:

<https://www.trenthamacademy.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Bitesize-Bronze-planner-1.pdf>

Ideas of activities for each section can be found on the following link:

https://www.trenthamacademy.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/programme_ideas_-_COMPLETE_brief-3.pdf



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Once the planner has been received by the Academy the first payment of £45.00 will be due on Friday 6th November (the payment Gateway for this will not open until the 4th November 2020), followed by a second payment of £100 in January 2021.

The expedition dates for 2021 are:

Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th May 2021

Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th May 2021

Your child must be available on these dates as they cannot complete the award without attending.

If you have any further questions about the award, please do not hesitate to contact me at the Academy.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'V. Lightfoot', is written over a light grey rectangular background.

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