



Wadham School

A Church of England Community School

"Life in all its fullness" John 10:10



26th January 2023

Dear Parent or Carers,

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme is well known and highly regarded by employers and institutions nationally because it shows that individuals are willing to start something new, develop new skills, show perseverance and work as a part of a team among other things. All of which leads to the growth of an individual and an increase in their confidence. The community also benefits through the volunteering work that students undertake.

This award consists of four sections: Volunteering, Physical, Skills and Expedition. The Volunteering, Physical and Skills section are all undertaken for a minimum of 3 months. Participants choose which one of these sections is undertaken for an additional 6 months.

There are plans for some after school training and preparation sessions, with a practice and qualifying expedition on 23-25th June 2023 at Kilve Court in the Summer Term. The expedition will be three days of walking as a team, demonstrating navigational and route planning skills, campcraft, cooking and team building.

The Expedition Section preparation will be covered on one training day consisting of:

- First aid and emergency procedures
- An awareness of risk and health and safety issues
- Navigation and route planning
- Preparatory map skills
- Practical map skills
- Compass skills
- Campcraft, equipment and hygiene
- Food and cooking
- Countryside Code
- Observation recording and presentations
- Team building

We aim to keep costs as low as possible for all levels of the Duke of Edinburgh award and absorb as much of the staff training costs as possible, however we do ask for a fee of £180. This to cover the cost of the First Aid, Minibus fuel, campsite fees, D of E and ensure that the Outdoor Leadership qualifications can be kept up to date for staff involved. The cost will also cover a Duke of Edinburgh hoodie, which will be ordered on enrolment to the award.

The options to pay will be by cheque, cash to the Finance Office or online via iPay. We would kindly ask for a minimum of a £50 deposit to secure a place on the award.

If you would like any further information, then please visit the Duke of Edinburgh's award site <http://www.dofe.org>. or email me cjackson@wadhamschool.co.uk

Yours Faithfully

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