



Dear Parent/Carer

Your child has expressed an interest in completing their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's award. A summary of the requirements for this programme is below.



In order us to register them, there is a participation fee of £23. To enable the registration process could you please complete the attached enrolment and and trip consent forms and return it with £23. All payments must be made using the school online payment system. **The consent form needs to be returned to [jgibson@cowesec.org](mailto:jgibson@cowesec.org) and registration fee paid by Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September.**

We are offering some autumn skill and volunteering courses over the autumn term and I will be in touch via email with the arrangements for these in September after the registration deadline.

Duke of Edinburgh is inclusive for everyone and we have kit and items that we can lend to students so please don't let the cost and kit be a barrier to joining your child up for this.

We will be taking photographs and videos during the duration of Duke of Edinburgh award and these will be used in school promotions. Please indicate on photo consent form your consent for this.

#### Expedition training programme

The expedition planning sessions start in January 2023 on Wednesday lunchtimes. We will confirm the venue of these sessions.

*Training walks and skills. All sessions are from 2pm – 5:00pm.*

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January – walking and following a route. Meet at Carisbrooke Castle.

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February – student navigation in expedition groups. Meet at Yaverland car park in Sandown (opposite the zoo).

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March – Walk with full kit and cook a substantial meal. Meet at the Needles coach park in Totland.

If transport is an issue to any of these sessions then please let me know. You are very welcome to walk with us too if you would like to. I will be bringing my dog on these walks, he is a Cavapoo and very well trained. Please get in touch if you have any queries about this. He was very popular last year!

*Bronze expedition dates:*

For Bronze practice expeditions we have not confirmed the camp sites yet as this will depend upon the quality of coastal paths. However, we have got dates for these expeditions below for your calendar.

Bronze practice expedition– 13<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup> May (Saturday and Sunday)

Bronze assessed expedition – 29<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> June (Thursday and Friday)

*Depending on student numbers, the expedition dates may change if we need to have more than one expedition for this cohort.*

We look forward to having your support. Further information is available at <http://www.dofe.info/en/content/cms/doing-your-dofe/>

If you have any queries about the content of this letter or anything about Duke of Edinburgh's award then please email [jgibson@cowesec.org](mailto:jgibson@cowesec.org) or contact me on the above school number.

Yours sincerely



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