



November 2017

Dear Parent/ Guardian

I am delighted to announce that Brookvale Groby Learning Campus has been granted the licence to run the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award for any Year 9 students that are interested in being involved.

As part of the award students must complete four sections; volunteering, physical skill, learning a new skill and an expedition. Three of the sections will be completed in the participant's own time, however, the fourth section (the expedition) requires parental consent for participants to be taken off site for a number of days.

To run the D of E award effectively, the Campus recruits a registered Approved Activity Provider called Mere Lane Outdoor Pursuits. They have been providing Duke of Edinburgh Awards and outdoor training courses for young people for a number of years at the Campus and will be again running the expedition section of the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award.

It is anticipated that if your son/daughter would like to participate in the award they will need to attend all training sessions and complete navigation training, practice and assessed expeditions.

Training Sessions; Delivered on campus

Monday 15 th January	3.30- 5.00pm
Monday 29 th January	3.30- 5.00pm
Monday 26 th February	3.30- 5.00pm
Monday 12 th March	3.30- 5.00pm
Monday 23 rd April	3.30- 5.00pm
Monday 30 th April	3.30- 5.00pm
Monday 14 th May	3.30- 5.00pm

Navigation Training Day

Sunday 4th March 8.30 – 5.30 pm Location to be confirmed

Practice Expedition

Friday 8th June – Saturday 9th June Times and location to be confirmed

Assessed Expedition

Wednesday 11th July – Thursday 12th July Times and location to be confirmed



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Please note if your son/daughter does not attend the practice expedition they will not be allowed to undertake their assessed expedition as this is a requirement set down by Duke of Edinburgh Award.

The cost of the award is £230 in total which includes campsite and transport costs, use of tents, roll mats, backpacks and Trangia cookers along with admin and training costs.

To provide you with more information about the award I would like to invite all interested parents and students to a meeting on Thursday 14th December, 6-7pm in Groby Building Drama Studio. After this meeting and your consent to your son/daughter participating in the award then please complete the attached consent and enrolment forms and return them to Michelle Richardson, Duke of Edinburgh Manager. A deposit of £50 (non-refundable) will need to be paid on enrolment by 22nd December. With a further payment of £180 to be paid by 1st February 2018. Payments to be paid via parent pay. I apologise that this is so close to Christmas but unfortunately due to the training needs of the Award and the short notice of the licence being granted there has to be a tight turn around.

If you have any further enquiries then please do not hesitate to contact either myself, Michelle Richardson at Brookvale Groby Learning Campus or Lorraine Squires, Duke of Edinburgh Manager for Mere Lane Outdoor Pursuits on 07944 407603 or email me at mrichardson@brookvalegroby.com.

Yours faithfully

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