



# Bishop Vesey's Grammar School

*'Inspiration and Excellence'*  
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## Duke of Edinburgh: Bronze Award Course 2019/2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

This letter regards the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze award programme which your son has the opportunity to register on for the coming academic year. The Duke of Edinburgh awards give young people the opportunity to develop a wide range of skills and they are highly looked upon by higher education providers and employers. The Bronze award programme requires that students complete four sections: Volunteering, Physical, Skills and Expedition. The Volunteering section needs to be done for 6 months. The other Physical and Skills section must be done for only 3 months. The students must also complete a training expedition and one expedition of two days and one night.

There are three elements to the application process:

1. Enclosed with this letter is a Silver award Programme Planner that students must complete and hand in to me. The ideas that students put on this form can change before they begin the course, but if the information does not appear to be fit for purpose then the form will not be accepted. The personal details section and parental signature consenting to the student doing the course must also be completed.
2. In addition to the Programme Planner, students must return a completed emergency consent form. It is important that this information is correct in the event of an issue arising on expedition. Programme Planners and consent forms will be accepted from 8am on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July. These must be handed in to me in Room 8. There are 35 places available on the award and students will be told whether or not they have successfully reserved a place as they hand their form in. I will check that their consent form is complete and that their Programme Planner is filled in correctly with acceptable activities.
3. After this, the students who have reserved a place will have until Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2019 to pay their £200.70 fee to Mrs Foster in the School Enrichment Office. The students will then be registered and can start their activities from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2019. The fee covers all expedition training; rental of basic expedition equipment (i.e. tents, stoves and fuel); staff cover and registration costs. Cheques should be made payable to Bishop Vesey's Grammar School.

Students that obtain a place on the course **must** attend the following expeditions:

- Training Day – Sutton Park/ Shenstone – 25th April
- Route planning – Tuesday 21st April 3.30 – 5.30pm
- Qualifying Expedition – Lickey Hills – 15th – 16th May

There will also be an after-school session dedicated to route planning which students will need to attend and the date for this is above. The students will be trained in how to use eDofE – the online portal on which all of their evidence section is submitted. Each student will need to have completed one of their volunteering, physical and skills sections before the Practice expedition in May and two sections before the Qualifying expedition in July. If you have any queries, please contact me.

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