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Dear Parent/Guardian

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award 2018-2019

The Duke of Edinburgh Award is the world's leading youth achievement award, with over 140 countries taking part. The award has inspired and transformed the lives of millions of young people from all walks of life. It has also been endorsed by over 100 top UK employers as many employers feel that the award equips young people with work-ready skills such as team working, resilience, communication and drive. The DofE Award will give our students a great opportunity to show their commitment and dedication over the course of the programme. We are very lucky at St Augustine's as many of our students are already doing part of the award by practicing skills, volunteering or playing sport in their own time. The Bronze Award is a way of recognising that achievement and rewarding them for their hard work.

This year there have been a few changes to the Bronze Award and I am pleased to announce that for the first time I am able to open the Award to both Year 9 and Year 10 students. The Bronze Award is highly popular amongst our students but it relies heavily on individual **motivation, commitment and dedication** over the course of the year. Students must complete 4 sections to achieve the award; volunteering, skill, physical and the expedition. Two of the sections must be completed for 3 months (an hour a week for 13 weeks) and one section for 6 months (26 weeks). The students can choose which section to continue after the initial 3 months. The expedition for the Bronze Award lasts for 2 day and 1 night. This will also involve a training day followed by a practice expedition of 2 days and 1 night. Students must attend a practice expedition if they wish to go on the final assessed expedition.

Participants will need to specify in the beginning which activities they are going to undertake for each section, which will then be approved by their DofE Leader before the start of the activity. Support will be given during this process and participants should not worry about being unsure of what activities to choose. Once the activity has been approved, it will be up to the students to log their attendance, progress and evidence on to their eDofE account. Further information can be found on the Duke of Edinburgh website www.dofe.org.

The Bronze Award is an exciting and demanding challenge so we encourage students to think carefully about whether they have the commitment required to complete all of the sections mentioned.

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The cost for the **DofE Bronze Award at St Augustine's is £220**. This includes the non-refundable registration fee of **£45** (covering the costs of the eDofE account, the licence fee, a certificate and badge) as well as the expedition cost of **£175**. The expedition cost includes an in school training day, route planning, a practice expedition (2 days, 1 night) and an assessed expedition (2 days, 1 night).

If you would like your son/daughter to register for the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award, please complete the permission slip below together with the Duke of Edinburgh enrolment form and send these in with your payment. Payment of £220 is to reach us by 16 November 2018, or alternatively you may pay two instalments of £110, with the first payment to reach us by 16 November 2018 and the final payment by 31 January 2019. Our preferred payment method is via ParentMail, however payment can also be made by cheque or cash.

Further to the information that has been given to you in this letter, I would like to invite you to a **DofE Introduction Evening on Tuesday 20 November 2018 starting at 6pm**. This evening will give you an insight in to DofE as well as a better idea of what is contained in each of the sections and how you can best support your child throughout the award. During the evening programme planners will be given to participants and WOLT (Wiltshire Outdoor Learning Team) will be present to give everyone more of an insight in to the expeditions and training necessary.

If you would like to attend the DofE Introduction Evening please indicate how many spaces you require on the slip below. If you are unable to attend then please ensure that your child visits our DofE Manager, Miss Richards, to receive their programme planner and vital information about the award.

Yours sincerely



David Forster
Headmaster

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To: Reception

DofE Manager: Miss Richards

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award Information Evening 20 November 2018

I give permission for my son/daughter to enrol on the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award. I have arranged payment of £220.00/£110 via ParentMail/enclosed a cheque/cash (please delete as appropriate). Please make cheques payable to St Augustine's Catholic College.

Please secure places for the above event.

Name of student: Form:

Consent for trip, signed: Date:

Contact telephone number:



DofE Participant Enrolment Form

Please print clearly in CAPITALS or type your details in. You must complete all of the questions.

DofE Centre and group details (if you know them):

DofE Centre: St Augustine's Catholic College	DofE group: Bronze 2018-2019
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DofE level:

Bronze <input type="checkbox"/> Silver <input type="checkbox"/> Gold <input type="checkbox"/>
Have you registered for any previous levels of the DofE? No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/>
If YES – please give the name of the DofE Centre you were registered at: eDofE ID number (if known) :

Personal details:

First name:	Last name:
Date of birth: / /	Primary language English <input type="checkbox"/> Welsh <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>
Email address:	
Date you wish to start your DofE programme if known (enrolment date): / /	

When you first sign in to eDofE you will be asked to record some personal details such as your contact details, ethnicity and personal circumstances along with details of any medical needs you may have. This data is used to enable your Leaders to support you doing your DofE programme and for the DofE's statistical and reporting purposes. You will always have a 'prefer not to say' option.

Declaration:

I agree to enrol as a participant on a DofE programme. I understand that I will be managing my programme using the online eDofE system. I acknowledge that this system has a set of terms and conditions that I agree to. These terms and conditions are available at www.eDofE.org

Print Name	Signature	Date
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Consent to enrol from parent or guardian (if applicant is under 18 years old).

I agree to my son / daughter / ward doing a DofE programme. I note that it is my responsibility to check that any activity my son / daughter / ward undertakes for their DofE programme is appropriately managed and insured, unless the activity is directly managed or organised by their DofE group, centre or Licensed Organisation.

Print Name	Signature	Date
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Note:

Data supplied on this form and in eDofE and information about DofE activities recorded in eDofE will be used by the DofE Charity, the Licensed Organisation and DofE centre to monitor and manage DofE participation and progress by young people and manage and support Leaders.

The DofE Charity will use personal data to communicate useful and relevant information to either help participants complete a DofE programme, Leaders/LOs to run DofE programmes more effectively or help the DofE Charity to improve the quality and breadth of its programmes.

We also send emails that contain information about the Charity, DofE negotiated privileged discounts and invites to events and other activities however if you would like to receive these emails you will need to opt in. Once you have opted-in to this you can opt out at any time by visiting www.dofe.org/preferences, or clicking the unsubscribe link that can be found at the bottom of all non-programme related email.

For Licensed Organisation/Centre administration only:

Date registered onto eDofE	/ /
Expected start date	/ /
Participant Fee received	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Username	
User ID number	