

July 2021



Dear Parents/Carers

We are very excited to be able to offer all of the upcoming year 9 the opportunity to complete the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award. This wonderful initiative was launched with your son/daughter this week during an assembly. It is also available for those in higher years as well.

The Duke of Edinburgh Award is a life-changing experience for all who take part which promotes having fun, learning new skills, becoming fitter and broadening young people's experiences. It is an Award that has been completed by millions of young people in the UK and abroad and is an achievement which is most favourable to employers and universities.

The Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award contains four key elements:

- Learning a new Skill
- Taking part in a Physical activity
- Volunteering
- Expedition – a two-day, one-night residential

Students have to take part in the Skill, Physical and Volunteering activity once a week for one hour for 3 months (though one of these must be for 6 months). There is an exhaustive list of options here: [programme\\_ideas\\_-\\_complete.pdf \(dofe.org\)](#)

In order to support your child to achieve this Award, we will be encouraging all Year 9 students to stay for Period 5 on Wednesdays from September until 4.30pm. We will be providing students with a choice of activities to take part in at this time as well as some personalised mentoring to support them through this Award. Some of the skills activities on offer will be: learning sign language, Albanian, web design, weaving, nail art, chess, cards and so much more. Students will sign up and commit to their activity for the specified time.

Completing the Bronze Award takes determination, resilience and commitment so would be a huge achievement setting them apart from their peers when in competitive situations like job interviews or university applications. Most importantly, they get to work with others, creating memories to last a life time.

We would like as many students to take part and complete this Award as possible so we are keeping costs to a voluntary basis. We do, however, need to buy equipment and resources for each of the activities but especially the expedition where we would need tents, sleeping bags, camping stoves and rucksacks. A contribution of £50 either as a one-off payment or in instalments - or an amount you can manage - would be gratefully received however I must stress that we would like your child to take part even if you are unable to provide any monetary contribution. Voluntary contributions will be asked for in September and must be paid via Schoolcomms as we no longer accept cash in school.

The schedule for the year is as follows:

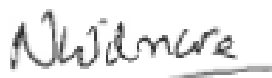
- September meet with mentors and set up their online account and choose activities
- September to December – complete the Skills Activity during Period 5
- January to March – complete the Physical Activity during Period 5
- April to June – complete the Volunteering Activity during Period 5
- July – complete the Expedition

Either the Skills, Physical or Volunteering Activity will need to be for 6 months. In order to participate in the Expedition, students will need to have completed the other three Activities.

At St John Fisher School, we truly believe that all students have the right to these opportunities and experiences and we are so proud to be the only school in Peterborough to offer this to all students on a voluntary cost basis. We hope that you share our enthusiasm, drive and ethos and support your child during this exciting journey. Please register your child's interest by the 16 July via **Schoolcomms** or return the reply slip below.

For more information and testimonials about the Award, please visit the website: [Do DofE - The Duke of Edinburgh's Award](#) or email me if you have any questions.

Yours faithfully



**Mrs N Wilmore**  
Assistant Headteacher

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To be returned to the Student Services Office by **Friday 16 July**

**Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award  
Year 9 in September 2021**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Form: \_\_\_\_\_  
has permission to take part in the DofE Bronze award activities from September 2021

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(parent)