

St Wilfrid's Catholic School

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Diocese of Arundel & Brighton and West Sussex County Council

Dear Parent/Carer,

The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme is the world's leading achievement award for young people, and is highly regarded by Universities, Colleges and Employers. It encourages young people to develop independence, commitment, leadership and teamwork through being involved in a personalised programme of activities. St Wilfrid's fully supports the award and recognises its unique value for developing skills and attributes in young people.

Your son/daughter has expressed an interest in the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme at Bronze level. The award is split into four sections **Volunteering, Physical, Skill and Expedition**.

It takes approximately 6 months to complete and requires regular commitment to various activities. Your son/daughter will need to find ways to fulfil the volunteering, physical and skill section of the award, while in school, we will focus on the expedition section. Members of staff in school will be happy to give advice and support to help pupils choose appropriate activities. Expedition training sessions (which will run on Wednesday's between 15:20 – 16:30) will also provide students with ample opportunity to ask questions regarding the process.

I am expecting the award to be very popular and places will be limited, so to ensure that they are allocated fairly, I would like all students who are interested to complete the attached enrolment and question forms and return them to Student Services no later than **Friday 15th December**. The initial cost to enrol on the Duke of Edinburgh award is **£20** and this will need to be paid through Parent Pay once you have been advised your child's application has been successful. Later on, a further **£30** will be required to cover the cost of the expedition section. If the cost will be an issue for you, please contact me as soon as possible to discuss support that we can offer.

The expedition section requires participants to undertake an assessed 2-day backpacking and camping expedition. Prior to this, students will need to be trained and will be expected to take part in a practice expedition, of two days and one night, before they will be allowed to take part in their qualifying expedition. Participants will need to complete all four parts to achieve the award. If you would like to find out more regarding the volunteering, physical, skill and expedition sections, please visit the Duke of Edinburgh Award website (<https://www.dofe.org/>).

I will be holding an Information Evening on **Monday 11th December** in the PLC from **18:15 – 19:00 (arrive from 18:00)**, where further information regarding the programme will be shared and you will have the opportunity to ask questions. I appreciate this is short notice but I have to register our students at the beginning of January, if you are unable to attend, please do get in touch and I will be happy to help.

This is a very exciting opportunity for the students of Year 9 and I look forward to working with them to achieve their Bronze award over the course of the year.

Yours sincerely,

Miss S. Boreham.
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DofE Leader & Coordinator
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Application to the Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Award at St Wilfrid's Catholic School

Student Name: _____

Tutor Group: _____

Please complete this form and the enrolment form and return it to Student Services no later than Friday 15th December 2017.

Why do you want to take part in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award?

Describe one characteristic which makes you a good candidate for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

What clubs/extracurricular activities or responsibilities do you currently take part in within school?

Name of club/responsibility: _____

Description: _____

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Description: _____

What volunteering/clubs/musical instruments/ sports/ other, do you take part in outside of school?

Name of club/responsibility: _____

Description: _____

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Description: _____

Do you have any previous walking or camping experience? If so, please give details:
