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Dear Parents/Carers of Year 10 pupils

I am delighted to inform you that Tenbury High Ormiston Academy is able to offer the Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE) to our year 10 pupils in the 2024/2025 academic year. Due to the staffing restrictions experienced in a small school we have decided to outsource the Duke of Edinburgh Award provision for this and future cohorts. I believe this will enhance the provision and ensure improved reliability to the running of the programme. The requirements of running the award in house places challenging demands on staff time, impact on lessons missed as well as costly training and qualifications. I believe outsourcing allows us to offer a quality provision for our young people without making compromises for our wider school and budget.

We recognise the positive impact that the DofE can have on young people. It includes many benefits which provide the opportunity to broaden their horizons, discover new interests and talents, have fun, develop essential skills for their future and achieve an internationally renowned Award.

I would like to remind you on some important information about what the Bronze Award involves and the benefits your child can gain from taking part.

About the DofE

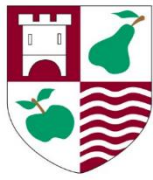
The DofE is non-competitive and open to all young people; it's about setting personal challenges and pushing personal boundaries. Through their DofE, students will make friends and memories and build traits like confidence, resilience and self-esteem, which can benefit mental health. They'll gain skills and attributes for work and life, like problem-solving, team-work and self-motivation – and once completed, they'll achieve an Award that's recognised by employers. This can help them stand out when applying for university or jobs.

Your son/daughter will select an activity from each of the three categories - Skill, Volunteering and Physical. Activities for each section will take a minimum of one hour a week over a set period of time (please see below), so they can fit them around studying, hobbies and social lives. We will provide guidance and support to your child, where they can either choose to continue an activity that they already do or discover something completely new. As participants can choose and change their activities, they can pick ones that they can do while social distancing or from home.



Please note that the registration date can be backdated, so if your child has already been participating in activities that they plan to use towards each section this can be used as evidence.





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Registration and costs:

The total cost of the DofE bronze award is £180.00pp which relies on us getting minimum numbers of 25. If we do not secure this numbers of participants, the cost will increase but we will get in touch with you if this is the case. This price includes all costs to run the full award, including staffing, transport costs, insurance and a £30 compulsory DofE enrolment and registration fee.

We are asking parents to transport students to the accompanied training day and the final two-day expedition to avoid additional mini bus and driver hire costs.

The payment schedule is outlined below:

- £60 initial deposit by 8th November 2024 (this includes the £30 compulsory registration fee)
- £60 second payment by 6th December 2024
- £60 final payment by 17th January 2025

For pupils who are eligible for Pupil Premium funding, parents/carers will need to pay the registration fee and initial deposit (£60) to show a commitment to the programme. It may then be possible to use some of the discretionary Pupil Premium funding towards the second or final payment (this will depend on how much funding has already been used by the pupil).

The Academy Trust accepts no responsibility for accidents or injury to pupils or loss or damage of personal effects unless caused by negligence of the Trust or any member of its staff. Insurance for Academy journeys has been arranged through Zurich Insurance - this policy covers personal accident, medical expenses, and the costs to parents of visiting their children if they are detained in hospital away from home and the loss or damage of personal effects. Although the policy covers most activities (even those classed as hazardous) there are, as in all policies, exclusions. For further information contact the Academy.

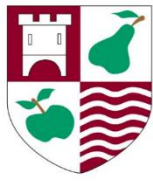
If you are interested in your son/daughter being part of this exciting initiative, please pay the £60.00 on ParentPay by 8th November 2024

The Expedition section:

The completion of the Expedition in addition to the Skill, Volunteering and Physical sections will lead to the achievement of the full Bronze Award.

The expedition will be run through an outdoor education provider called EDGE-ucation who have worked with other schools in the area and come with excellent references. The programme will be staffed by EDGE-ucation staff alongside Mr Morris who will lead the programme in school. Other THOA staff will also attend the overnight part of the expedition to ensure familiar faces are on hand to support our pupils with the overnight aspect of the expedition. Mr Morris will also be present for all training sessions as well as the full expedition.





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Programme Design

Activity	Dates and Times	Location	Delivery and content
Basic training day	Friday 4 th April 9.30am - 4.30pm	Local location THOA staff will transport there. Parents required to collect.	A mixed day indoors and out covering all aspects of camp craft, cooking and food, equipment and how to pack it.
Emergency Procedures. Expedition first aid. Use of mobile phones.	Tuesday 29 th April - twilight. School based session after school.	THOA	Emergency procedures Expedition first aid Use of mobiles.
Accompanied training day	Wednesday 7 th May 9.30am - 4.30pm	Neen Sollars and surrounding areas tbc. THOA staff will transport pupils there. Parents will be required to collect. This is to limit transport costs. Exact drop off TBC.	A full day devoted to the teaching and application of navigation skills. Also, a practical scenario to test and evaluate the emergency procedures skills covered in the previous twilight session.
Pre expedition kit check. Food planning. Final route planning. Expedition goal.	Tuesday 13 th May – twilight. School based session after school.	THOA	Pre expedition kit check. To bring bag packed ready for expedition with exception of food. Final route planning. Food planning in tent groups.
Final expedition	Saturday 17 th and Sunday 18 th May Drop of 10.30am. Pick up 2.00pm	Shropshire Hills. Parent drop off and collection at Snailbeach Village Hall. SY5 ONX	Final assessed two-day expedition and overnight camp as planned

Pupils will be required to provide their own food, sleeping bags and clothing (including waterproofs), including a suitable pair of walking boots/shoes. The school can hire out all other basic camping equipment.

Once numbers have been confirmed, we will communicate further details to you.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at: rmorris@tenburyhigh.co.uk

Yours sincerely

Mr R Morris
Duke of Edinburgh's Award Manager

