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14th October 2016

Dear Parent/Guardian

Re: Duke of Edinburgh Award

Your son has shown an interest in enrolling in the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme.

The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme began in 1956 and is now widely recognised by employers, colleges, universities and the forces as a powerful tool for the personal development of young people.

What it will involve?

Your son will have to complete the following four sections over the next year:

- Volunteering
- Skill
- Physical
- Expedition

The minimum time requirement for each section is expressed in months during which time they will need to undertake a regular commitment of at least one hour per week. It is expected that the Skill, Volunteering and Physical Recreation sections will be completed in the student's own time, with some assistance from both the school and parents.

Bronze Award (14 + years)

Volunteering	Skill	Physical Recreation	Expedition
3 months	One section for 3 months. One section for 6 months.		Plan, prepare for, and undertake a 2 day / 1 night venture.

Expedition and training will be co-ordinated through the school by qualified expedition leaders. All training will be completed in school in twilight sessions early next year.

Provisional dates for expeditions are as follows:

Practice 20th - 21st May 2017

Expedition 23rd - 24th September 2017

All students will have to attend both the practice and the assessed expedition to complete the award. There will be no other expeditions organised by the school.

There will be a charge of £40 for the joining fee, which includes the record book. There will be separate charges for the practise expedition and assessed expedition. Typically the charges for the practise expedition and assessed expedition are approximately £15 each. These prices are subject to change and will be confirmed by letter prior to the expeditions.

Although the school has some equipment to hire, we do not hire water proofs, boots or sleeping bags as these are personal items that should be purchased in advance of the practice expedition. It is strongly recommended that participants purchase their own rucksack and where possible tent.

If your son wishes to participate in the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme please complete the reply slip below and return it to me as soon as possible. Unfortunately I do have a limited amount of spaces.

Should you need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school, or check the D of E website which can be found at www.dofe.org

Yours faithfully



Mrs T O'Neill
Duke of Edinburgh Manager

REPLY SLIP TO MRS O'Neill in Room F8 by 1st November 2016

Name of Student: _____ **Form:** _____

I/We* give permission for the above student to take part in the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme and I/We* enclose the sum of £40 (cheques payable to Northampton School *for Boys*).

Please write **NAME, FORM and BRONZE DofE** 2017 on the back of your cheque. Alternatively you can pay by cash in an envelope with **NAME, FORM and BRONZE DofE** on the front.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ **Date:** _____

(*Delete as necessary)

Student please complete...

I would like to participate in the D of E award scheme at NSB because...