

EMcG/EB

20 November 2007

Dear Parent(s)

Re: Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award

I am delighted to outline the programme for this year's Award launch to the current Year 10's at Bishop Luffa School. The programme for the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award Scheme this year is as follows:

As you will see from the programme, the Year 10 pupils will be given a brief introduction to the Award and information to take away at their assembly this week. Those who are interested in participating are welcome to attend a detailed information session after school on Tuesday 27th November at 2.45pm in the Conference Room. At this session registration forms will be given to all still interested. The deadline for returning registration forms, together with entry fee of £11.00 (payable to West Sussex County Council), is Monday 3rd December. However, in order to give pupils a quality experience, (whereby they work in small groups with one volunteer instructor per group,) we have to limit the number of places available this year to 42, and **entry will be on a strictly first come, first served basis**. Therefore, the sooner forms are returned via the red box, the greater the likelihood your child will be able to participate through school. Every effort will be made to suggest alternative venues for those not able to participate through school.

If you or child would like to know more about the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, there is an excellent website: www.theaward.org.uk which should be able to answer many of your questions. I would also be pleased to answer any questions and can either be contacted in school or via e-mail: webadmin@bishopluffa.org.uk.

Young people gain a tremendous amount through participation in the Award, discovering new skills and abilities. They work extremely hard to achieve their goals, but gain invaluable experiences which are truly valued by employers, and those in further and higher education. Taking part in the Award is a major commitment, for both young people and their parents (as my own parents keep reminding me), I sincerely hope you will support your child's decision whether they decide to undertake their Bronze Award now or maybe at some point in the future (they have until their 25th birthday to complete their Award).

Yours sincerely

Mrs E McGeough
Duke of Edinburgh Unit Leader

Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award Programme

Date	Activity	Venue
2007		
Tues 20 Nov	Introduction to the Award	Yr 10 Assembly
Tues 27 Nov 2.45 -3.45pm	Information on the Award for those interested	Conference Room
Mon 3 Dec	Closing date for registration forms	Via red box
Tues 4 Dec 12.45 – 1.15pm	Issue record books	Room 15
Tuesdays 12.45 – 1.15pm	Drop in sessions for those needing help or advice	Room 15
2008		
Thurs 10 Jan 6 – 7.30pm	Introduction to Expeditions (all participants should attend)	Conference Room
7.30 – 8.15pm	Parents information evening (participants welcome to stay)	Conference Room
Thurs 17 Jan 6 – 7.30pm	Expedition training starts	Conference Room
Sat 10/ Sun 11 May	Practice Expedition	Stedham
Sat 7/ Sun 8 June	Qualifying Expedition	Gumber Farm