

# Tomlinscote School & Sixth Form College

*A Specialist Language College*



Dear Parents and Carers,

18<sup>th</sup> September 2018

## Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award

We are delighted to let you know that we are able to offer the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award to your son/daughter this year at Tomlinscote. This is an excellent opportunity which is offered to students who are 14 years old and above, and which is highly recognised with Colleges, Universities and Employers. DofE promotes individual and group responsibility, team work and life skills, and is therefore a great opportunity for young people to be active in.

To complete the Bronze Award, students must complete 3 months' volunteering, start a new/develop a skill and take part in either an individual or a group physical activity. Your son/daughter will need to complete a further 3 months on one of these three sections. At the beginning of each section your son/daughter will need to set goals and someone who is not a family member will need to assess their progress at the end of the time period. Your son/daughter's GCSE options do not count towards this.

Also, your son/daughter must complete a training weekend, where in groups they will learn first aid, read a map, plan routes and learn about the equipment needed to participate in the practice and final expeditions. Attendance at this training weekend, the practice expedition and final expedition is compulsory. If your son/daughter cannot attend all of these weekends, then please do not apply.

- *Training weekend* - all day on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2019 (Inset) and 9am-12 o'clock on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at Tomlinscote School,
  - *The Practice Expedition* - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2019 to Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2019 (provisional date),
  - *The Final Expedition* - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2019 to Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2019.
- The students will walk approximately 30km on each expedition with rucksacks.*

As there are only **60 places** available on the DofE Bronze Award Programme this year, selection will be based upon an application process. If your son/daughter is interested in applying, they must fill in the application form attached and place it in the DofE box in reception by 3.05pm on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2018. The application form will provide an opportunity to highlight what experience your son/daughter already has in the key areas and how this Award will benefit them personally. Any applications received after this date will not be included. Due to the restricted number of places, please ensure that your son/daughter is fully committed and can attend all 3 events mentioned above.

If you would like any more information about the Duke of Edinburgh Award, [www.dofe.org](http://www.dofe.org) has useful links and lists of activities your son/daughter could do for the different sections. This is also helpful to see what other young people have achieved and what the next stages are in the Duke of Edinburgh Award.

The cost of the DofE Award is £120 per student, which includes registration and all school costs, for example travel to the practice and final expeditions, group equipment and resources needed for training and the expeditions. If your son/daughter's application is successful, further details will follow.

Yours sincerely,

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