

9 February 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

### **Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme 2018 – Year 10**

Your son/daughter has shown an interest in participating in the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme. Outwood Academy Bydales will be supporting the award in conjunction with Guisborough Youth Centre who are leading and coordinating the Expedition section.

The award consists of four sections: Physical, Skill, Volunteering and an overnight Expedition. To complete these sections students must show commitment and initiative.

Included in the programme of training is a selection of practice walks which take place over the winter & spring term, before the actual expedition which takes place in the summer term.

All the training for the Expedition is carried out by Qualified Unit Leaders with the help of additional adults. However, although advice is given to youngsters regarding the other sections of the award they are expected to use their own initiative to plan, prepare and complete these sections in their own time. There will be Enrichment sessions after school to help with the completion of the e-DofE where students log their progress in the skills sections online.

Meetings will be held every Monday at Guisborough Youth Centre, from 6pm to 8pm to help prepare the young people completing the award. Participants will only be permitted to take part in the final assessment weekend if this training is completed to the satisfaction of the Unit Leaders.

To enrol in the scheme, students must complete and bring the attached enrolment form and cash or cheque for £25 (payable to Guisborough Youth Centre); to cover the cost of the e-DofE pack; to the Enrolment Evening on Monday 19 February 2018 at Guisborough Youth Centre starting at 6pm.

As Guisborough Youth Centre is a non-profitable centre they charge £1 subs per week, which goes towards the costs of renewing or repairing kit (tents, stoves, maps etc.) that the young people will require to complete the award.

There will also be a costing for campsite fees and gas - this should not exceed £20.

Yours faithfully



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