



John Colet School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

The John Colet School is offering Year 9 students a fantastic opportunity to take part in The Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award scheme. The school is a Directly Licensed Centre and has arranged an excellent training programme, ensuring that students reach their potential in the areas which the Bronze Award aims to develop. These include:

- Self-confidence and self-reliance
- A sense of achievement and of responsibility
- Leadership skills and abilities
- Communication skills
- New skills, interests and talents
- Community cohesion

The Duke of Edinburgh Award has four sections: Physical, Skills, Volunteering and Expedition. If your son/daughter wishes to take the Bronze Award they must undertake a minimum of three months activity for each of the Volunteering, Physical and Skills sections. They must then choose one of these sections to spend an extra three months on. It will take the students at least six months to complete these first parts of the Bronze Award.

The students will also plan, train for and complete a 2-day (1 night) qualifying expedition. They will learn these skills through a training weekend and a practice expedition. The training day, practice and qualifying expeditions will take place as follows:

	Date	Time	Location
Training day	Saturday 27 th March 2021	9.00-17.00	John Colet School
Practice expedition	Saturday 24 th – Sunday 25 th April	18.00 on 24 th – 17.00 on 25 th	Wendover
Qualifying expedition	Saturday 19 th – Sunday 20 th June	9.00 on 19 th – 17.00 on 20 th	Chesham

The expedition weekends will be delivered by an external company 'School of Outdoors', with school staff supervising the groups.

Selection

The Bronze D of E Programme will be limited to a total of **50** places for this academic year. Students will be selected based on their attitude to learning grades from last academic year, their conduct around the school and from the attached application form.

Cost

The overall cost for this opportunity is **£230.00**. This cost covers the expedition costs, licensing fee, registration fee, insurances and admin for all expeditions.

If your son/daughter would like to undertake the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award, there is a non-refundable fee of **£50.00** payable by all students to cover the initial introduction pack and enrolment costs. If your son/daughter is unsuccessful due to the event being oversubscribed then this fee will be fully refunded. The preferred method of payment is via www.pmx.parentmail.co.uk online using a debit or credit card by selecting "**D of E Bronze Award 20/21**" under the Shop/Payments section. Please note that by paying the £50.00 deposit you are giving consent for your son/daughter to take part in all sections of the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award.

Deadline for deposit and application forms is **Thursday 5th November 2020**. Please give application forms to Miss Tallyn.

Payment for the remaining £180.00 will be payable as follows; £45.00 by Friday 4th December 2020, £45.00 by Friday 8th January 2021, £45.00 by Friday 5th February 2021 and £45.00 by Friday 5th March 2021.

Please note:

It is essential that application forms are returned.

In the event of your son/daughter withdrawing from this award scheme, payments will only be refunded if another student is able to take their place, however a deduction will be made for school admin charges.

Please be aware that any student who is placed on report may be withdrawn from the trip by the school and will have any monies paid refunded providing another student can take their place. A deduction will be made for school admin charges.

We would not want any student to be unable to take part because of financial circumstances, therefore, if you are eligible for Pupil Premium funding please email pupilpremium@johncolet.co.uk.

Yours sincerely,

**Miss Tallyn
Teacher of PE**

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award Scheme 2020/21

**Please return to the Finance Office between 8.00-8.30 in the morning by
Thursday 5th November 2020**

Student name: Form:

I have paid the deposit of £50.00 via ParentMail (pmx).

I also agree to pay the remaining instalments as follows; £45.00 by Friday 4th December 2020, £45.00 by Friday 8th January 2021, £45.00 by Friday 5th February 2021 and £45.00 by Friday 5th March.

Signed(Parent/Carer)

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