



Nottinghamshire County Council

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award for Year 9

The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme is the world's leading achievement award for young people, and is highly regarded by universities, colleges and employers. It encourages young people to develop independence, commitment, leadership and teamwork through being involved in a personalised programme of activities. Kimberley School fully supports the award and recognises its unique value for developing skills and attributes in young people. **Students in Year 9 are now being invited to apply for participation in the D of E Award Scheme at Bronze level.** The Award is split into four sections; volunteering, physical, skill and expedition. It takes approximately 6 months to complete and requires regular commitment to various activities. Please see the Duke of Edinburgh Award website: www.dofe.org for more information.

Kimberley School has asked The Mill Adventure Base (as part of NCC Outdoor and Environment team) to help deliver the expedition section of the D of E award for this academic year. The total cost of the award will be **£200** and once students are enrolled, any money paid is non-refundable. This will cover the DofE registration fee and all the training & expeditions for the expedition section including instructors, assessors and campsite fees. Some places have already been taken by Y10 students, but we would like to open the remaining 35 places to Year 9 students.

Year 9 students and their parents/carers who are interested will need to attend a **Presentation Evening on Thursday 9th November at 5.30pm** where the Bronze D of E Award will be explained in detail and questions answered. The meeting will be in the **Community Room**, which you should be able to access from the external door on the side of the school building. Students will then be invited to apply for a place and if successful, the core dates and format of the programme will be as follows:-

Training residential weekend 24th- 25th March 2018 including overnight on the Saturday

Training walks day 29th April 2018

Practice expedition 19th-20th May 2018

Final expedition 16th-17th June 2018

Participating students **MUST** be available and attend all of these dates.

We look forward to working with the staff and students of Kimberley School and hope to see you at the presentation evening. If you are unable to make the presentation evening, but would like to know more, please contact Miss Iwanczuk by email (e.iwanczuk@kimberleyschool.co.uk)

Yours sincerely,

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