



John Colet School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

The John Colet School is offering year 9 students a fantastic new opportunity to take part in The Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award scheme. The school has recently become 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: Volunteering, Physical, Skills and Expedition. If your son/daughter wishes to take the Bronze Award they will first undertake a minimum of three month's activity for each of the Volunteering, Physical and Social sections. They will also plan, train for and complete a 2-day (1 night) expedition. They will learn these skills through a training weekend, a practice expedition and final qualifying expedition.

It will usually take the students at least six months to complete these first parts of the Bronze Award.

The assessed and practice expedition will take place on the following dates in the surrounding counties.

28th March 2020 – Training Day (at John Colet School)

25th and 26th April 2020 - Practice Expedition

19th and 20th June 2020- Qualifying Expedition

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

Selection

The Bronze DofE 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 **£240.00**. 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 19/20**" under the Payment/Shop section. Alternatively payment can be made by cheque payable to John Colet School. It would also be helpful if the student's name, tutor group and 'D of E' could be written on the reverse of the cheque.

Deadline for deposit and application forms is **Friday 11th October 2019**. Application forms to be given to Miss Tallyn and payment must be to the finance office between 8am – 8.30am in the mornings.

Payment for the remaining £190.00 will be payable as follows: £40.00 by Friday 8th November 2019, £40.00 by Friday 6th December 2019, £50.00 by Friday 10th January 2020 and £60.00 by Friday 7th February 2020.

Please note:

It is essential that application forms are returned.

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 faithfully

Miss Tallyn
Teacher of PE

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award Scheme 2019/20

Please return to the Finance Office between 8.00-8.30 in the mornings by Friday 11th October 2019

Student name: Form:

I have paid via parentmail (pmx).

Please find enclosed a cheque for **£50.00** payable to John Colet School, with student name, tutor group and "D of E Bronze Award" on reverse of cheque.

I also agree to pay the remaining instalments of £40.00 by Friday 8th November 2019, £40.00 by Friday 6th December 2019, £50.00 by Friday 10th January 2020 and £60.00 by Friday 7th February 2020.

Signed(Parent/Carer) Date.....