



Stanborough School

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Dear Parent/Carer

We would like to offer your son/daughter a chance to apply for a place to complete the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award scheme run at Stanborough School in Year 10.



At Stanborough School, we run a very successful Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme and many of our students have now completed the Award at Bronze and Gold level. It is a voluntary, non-competitive programme of practical, cultural and adventurous activities designed to support the personal and social development of young people aged 14-25, regardless of gender, background or ability. It offers an individual challenge and encourages people to undertake exciting, constructive, challenging and enjoyable activities in their free time. To complete the Award, participants need to be motivated, resilient, a team member, committed - all qualities wanted by a University or a future employer. That is why the Duke of Edinburgh Award looks good on CVs and University Personal Statement.

To apply for a place on the scheme, the students are required to return the slip at the foot of this letter completed by parents and the DofE application form. Please note that there is a maximum number of students who can be taken onto the scheme. If this number is exceeded, we will interview students where necessary to assess their suitability for the scheme.

We are aware that this year has seen many changes across the country, and we cannot guarantee that the expedition will be able to run, however we are hopeful that in the summer of 2021 we will be able to run an adapted walking expedition without camping as has been approved by DofE. Therefore, in order to begin the award at Stanborough School we require the one-off registration fee of £30 due by Friday 11th December and the application form, this will allow the students to complete the three sections in their own time. Please note that this registration fee is non-refundable. **Payments should be made via WisePay** only, we are not able to accept cash or cheque payments. Should you require a copy of your WisePay login details, please contact the Bursar's Office via email at finance@stanborough.hert.sch.uk.

We will be able to offer guidance for these sections and also as the year progresses hope to be able to offer the expedition which will be at an additional cost of approximately £59. Should the expedition be unable to go ahead your son/daughter will have until they are 25 years old to complete the expedition and many companies and organisations run expeditions throughout the year.

Walking expedition: the programme includes two days training at Stanborough School and one qualifying expedition, renting specialist equipment and insurance. The total cost to be awarded the Bronze Award will be approximately £89 which includes all expedition costs and registration fees (please note students will have to provide their own suitable outdoor clothing, sleeping bag and a hiking rucksack but the school will provide Trangias for cooking). This type of expedition is great for the students to gain map reading and navigation skills.



If you require more information about the scheme, you can visit our web pages on the Stanborough website. All letters and links to presentations will be on this website. During the expedition, students are required to be independent and self-sufficient so we do not feel that we can accept any students who may misbehave or act in a dangerous manner on this scheme. In relation to this, we want to make it clear that any student who is subject to serious disciplinary action within the school will forfeit their place on the expeditions, and therefore will not be able to complete their award.

Please remember that although we will give all the assistance and opportunities needed to complete the scheme, gaining the Bronze Award depends ultimately on the commitment of your son/daughter.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Johnson'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'D' at the beginning.

Ms D Johnson
Duke of Edinburgh Award Co-ordinator



BOOKING FORM: BRONZE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD 2020-2021

To book a place, please complete the form below and return it to Ms Johnson and pay your £30 registration fee via WisePay by Friday 11th December.

Student_____

Tutor group_____

I am willing for my child to participate in the Bronze section of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme and to meet all the costs outlined in this letter when required. I understand that if my son/daughter withdraws from the scheme or is withdrawn due to poor behaviour, that I will lose all payments made on the student's behalf.

I also understand that an Award can only be gained if he/she shows persistence and reliability and that the school will not be able to help those who do not demonstrate such attributes.

Signed_____ (Parent/Carer) Date_____

Name: _____ Form: _____

Please take time to look at the website on the letter and also use www.dofe.org/sections to consider what you may take as your activity. The activities chosen in the application form can change before beginning the award however this shows commitment to the process and the award which is required throughout.

Volunteering

Activity chosen:

Where are you going to do it?

What are your goals? What do you want to achieve?

Skills

Activity chosen:

Where are you going to do it?

What are your goals? What do you want to achieve?

Physical

Activity chosen:

Where are you going to do it?

What are your goals? What do you want to achieve?

Why do you want to complete the Duke of Edinburgh award?

Which section are you planning on completing for a further 3 months? (Please circle)

PHYSICAL

SKILL

VOLUNTEERING