

Stanborough



Mathematics & Computing Academy

Headteacher: Mrs M John



4<sup>th</sup> October 2021

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.

The price of the scheme comprises a one-off registration fee and the cost of the expedition. Therefore, in order to begin the award at Stanborough School we require the one-off registration fee of £30 due by **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October 10am** 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.herts.sch.uk](mailto:finance@stanborough.herts.sch.uk).

**Walking expedition:** the programme includes a day 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 £75 – £85 (depending on numbers), which includes all expedition costs, and registration fees. (Please note students will have to provide their own suitable outdoor clothing and suitable footwear, the school will provide Trangias for cooking and tents, the school has some equipment that is available for rent at a small cost). This type of expedition is great for the students to gain map reading and navigation skills.

**Dates:** Duke of Edinburgh training is **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2022**, this is a compulsory requirement before the expedition.

Duke of Edinburgh qualifying expedition **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June until Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2022**.

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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. We also require that at least one section be completed before the expedition date.

Yours faithfully



Ms D Johnson  
Duke of Edinburgh Award Co-ordinator

More information about the Duke of Edinburgh Award can be found on our website,  
<https://stanborough.herts.sch.uk/students/dofe/>

And via our YouTube channel, [https://youtu.be/Vak4\\_eXc9tA](https://youtu.be/Vak4_eXc9tA)

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**BOOKING FORM: BRONZE DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD 2021-2022**

To book a place, please complete the form below and return it to Ms Johnson and ensure the £30 registration fee is paid via WisePay by Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October.

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: .....

Print Name: .....

Please take time to look at the website on the letter and also use [www.dofe.org/sections](http://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?

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## **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?

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**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**

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