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**Ref: Duke of Edinburgh Award**

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are delighted to inform you about a fantastic opportunity which is available for your child. Your child has been given the opportunity to participate in the Duke of Edinburgh award where they can attain their bronze award in Year 9 with the provision of attaining the silver award in Year 10.

The award consists of four elements which your child would have to complete; volunteering, physical, skill and expedition to achieve the award.

The course is separated into four segments:

- Volunteering (helping people in the community)
- Skills (covering almost any hobby, skill or interest)
- Physical Recreation (sport, dance and fitness)
- Expeditions (training for, planning and completing a journey on foot)

Students are able to complete all sections at their own leisure with the exception of the expedition. For the students, the expedition is the focal point of the course and will develop several fundamental survival / life skills. Pupils will have to plan their own route navigating through several check points, use a compass effectively as not to get lost, set up camp, erect their tent, and pack the contents they wish to live off for the weekend. These are two challenging weekends and will further develop your child's ability to work effectively as part of a team and additionally an enjoyable time will be had by all.

The expedition will take place between the following dates:

- Practice expedition Friday 1st May – Saturday 2nd May
- Main Expedition: Friday 12th June – Saturday 13th June

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The award will require students to attend a fortnightly training session (Wednesday, Week B, 3:30 – 4:30pm), where they will be taught the skills required to embark on the expedition element of the award.

The cost of the award is £150, which will enrol your child on the award and enable them hire of all the necessary equipment for their expeditions (tents, Trangias, etc). In addition, it is advised that your child purchases a pair of hiking boots, a sleeping bag, a rucksack and a waterproof. There are a selection of rucksacks and waterproofs available to hire should you wish.

If your child would like to participate on the award could they either e-mail [admin@csschool.co.uk](mailto:admin@csschool.co.uk) or return the attached slip no later than Friday 14th February.

We hope to see your child on the award.

Yours faithfully,

M. Cox and J. Davis

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**RETURN SLIPS SHOULD BE HANDED TO MR COX OR MRS DAVIS BY  
FRIDAY 14TH FEBRUARY**

### **Duke of Edinburgh Award**

I would like my son/daughter ..... Form .....  
to take part in the Duke of Edinburgh Award.

Signed ..... Parent/ Carer Date .....

Print name .....