



**GUISELEY**  
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A THINKING SCHOOL

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Headteacher: Paul Clayton

15 October 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

## **Duke of Edinburgh Award - Year 9**

I am pleased to inform you that Guiseley School is offering the Duke of Edinburgh Award to a number of Year 9 students this year. The DofE is the world's leading youth achievement award, giving young people the opportunity to be the very best they can be by developing the skills and attitudes they need to become more rounded, confident adults. Qualities that colleges, universities and employers are attracted to.

The award requires those taking part to complete 4 sections:

- Skill (learning a skill at least once a week)
- Physical (participating in a physical activity at least once a week)
- Volunteering (being involved in an activity that benefits others once a week)
- Expedition (completing a training and assessed 2 day hike with an overnight camp)

The Skill, Physical and Volunteer sections must be completed once a week with two of these sections to be completed over three months and one over six months. In addition, students will take part in a practice and an assessed expedition in the summer of 2019. Completion of the award requires commitment from participants not only to the activities but also to the on-going training, which will take place on some Fridays after school. Once selected, there will be a cost of £43 to register for the award which also covers transport and campsite costs for the practice and assessed expeditions. Students will also be expected to have appropriate personal walking and camping kit. Funding is available for disadvantaged students.

To ensure that all participants receive a quality experience whilst studying for the DofE award this year, places will be offered to a limited number of year 9 students. Interest in the Award is expected to be very high and to ensure that participants are fairly chosen, a selection process will be used. Students are expected to write a personal statement as to why they would like to take part in the DofE scheme. Instructions on what to include on this statement can be found at the bottom of this letter, as well as a School Permission form. Please return the application and consent slip attached by **Friday 09 November** to the Cash Box in School Reception in a clearly marked envelope (with name, form and Duke of Edinburgh written on). A letter regarding payment and medical information will be sent at a later date once the student has been chosen to take part.

To gain further information on the award, the application process and to have the opportunity to answer any questions, you are invited to a parents' evening in the school hall on **Thursday 25 October 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** Please contact me at school if you have any questions and are unable to attend this parents' evening.

Many students at Guiseley School possess a wide variety of qualities, abilities, skills, resources and home support that would make them perfect candidates for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award. I am sure that over the next year we will create a fun, active and encouraging learning environment which will stretch, challenge and equip those taking part.

Yours sincerely,

**Alex Fradley**

Duke of Edinburgh Award Manager Guiseley School



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## Personal statement

Please provide a statement saying what makes you a good candidate to be a part of a team taking part in the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award at Guiseley School.

Your personal statement should include:

- An introduction to yourself and why you would be an excellent candidate for the DofE award;
- Why you would like to be involved with the DofE scheme;
- What you will do for the Volunteering, Skill and Physical sections;
- Any previous walking or camping experience;

The statement should be written or typed onto a separate piece of A4 paper and attached to the permission slip below.

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## Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme application

Please return this consent slip and attached application form by **Friday 09 November** to the Cash Box in School Reception in a clearly marked envelope (with student's name, form and Duke of Edinburgh application written on).

Name of student: \_\_\_\_\_ Form: \_\_\_\_\_

I give permission for my child to take part in the Duke of Edinburgh award scheme. This includes: learning a skill at least once a week, participating in a physical activity at least once a week, being involved in a volunteering activity that benefits others once a week, completing a training and an assessed expedition involving a two day hike with an overnight camp, as well as attending after school and Saturday training sessions.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent/Carer) Date: \_\_\_\_\_