



St Peter's Catholic High School

A Specialist Visual Arts College



PIL/ABA

19th July 2016

Dear Parent/Carer,

Your child has expressed an interest in participating in the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme at Bronze Level. We have fifty seven places to be allocated on a first come first served basis

In order to complete the award your child will need to participate regularly in a series of activities in the following categories; volunteering, physical activity, skills and expedition.

Some suitable activities can be offered at school and/or your child can take part in activities outside school in order to fulfil the requirements of the award. These could include weekly sessions in dance classes, sporting activities such as team and individual sport, music lessons, art classes helping out at local groups such as Rainbows, Beavers and a host of other activities.

The expedition section of the award will be completed using an outside provider, Mountain Water Expeditions, an outdoor education group who specialise in camping expeditions as part of the award. Your child will need to be prepared to commit to 5 days of camping and related activities in order to complete this section of the award. The dates for the expedition training will be in January 2017 and the 2 weekends arranged for dates between April – July 2017.

Your child must be available in January and the relevant group dates in order to complete this section of the award.

Successful completion of the award will require a minimum 6 month commitment from your child and your support in ensuring that they are able to attend all necessary sessions for all 4 sections of the award.

The cost to school of putting each pupil through the award is £200.00. We are asking you to pay a subsidised contribution of £100.00. This involves costs to register your child and cover administration costs, certificates and badges, and the costs of the expedition training and the 2 weekends. Your contribution will be required in 4 non-refundable payments of £25.00 each. Details of payment deadlines will be provided if your child signs up for the award. Should your child fail to complete the expedition you will be asked to make a full payment of £200 for that place on the course.

Any further extra costs incurred will be dependent on the activities your child chooses to participate in for the remaining sections of the awards and how and where they participate. At this level I would encourage pupils to use existing hobbies and activities to keep costs and time commitments to a minimum.

If you would like your child to take up this opportunity, they must return the registration form with the first payment of £25.00 by Friday 16th September 2016.

For further details about the awards please explore the Duke of Edinburgh Award website.

Yours sincerely,

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