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DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

Dear Parents/Carers/Students,

We are delighted to inform you that we are now in a position to offer the Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Award to a number of Year 9 students at Newsome High school. The opportunities on offer include expedition training and other activities within the school's extensive enrichment programme.

The Award is a voluntary, non-competitive programme of practical, cultural and adventurous activities, designed to support the personal and social development of young people today. It encourages young people to undertake exciting, constructive, challenging and enjoyable activities in their free time. There are three levels to the Award - Bronze, Silver and Gold. Participants are able to continue at any level up until their 25th birthday. The Award offers a wonderful opportunity for any young person to develop new skills and interests, to have fun, to meet new friends and to gain an Award which is well recognised and respected by institutions of higher education and employers alike.

Due to the school restarting the Award we will be limiting the number of participants this year, we have decided that students will need to apply for a place on the award and it will be based on their general attitude to learning and their attendance.

We have taken this decision to ensure that the students who want to participate in the Award are more likely to value it and complete it. Every year a small percentage of students fail to complete the Award costing themselves and the school a lot of time and money.

We reserve the right to withdraw students from the Award if there are any behaviour or health and safety concerns, which may result in the loss of any money already paid.

The total cost of the Award will be £150 which includes the enrolment pack. Once offered a place, the registration forms and a £50 deposit will be required by Friday???. This will enable the student packs to be ordered and registration on the DofE site, this will ensure that they are able to start the award straight away. The balance, payable by instalments if required, will be due by the end of June. Please note that these fees are set by Kirklees DofE who run the scheme and although the school will collect the money, Newsome High does not receive any of the cost.

We will be providing more information in due course with further details about the Award and the key dates for expedition weekends once students have a confirmed place. If you require any more information about the Duke of Edinburgh's Award in the meantime have a look on the website www.dofe.org.

Yours sincerely,

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