



27 November 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

**Re: Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Award**

I am pleased to confirm that your son or daughter has successfully obtained a place on the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award at St Martin's School. Your son or daughter has already attended the initial meeting in November, they will now begin their journey of training in order to prepare for the exciting practice and assessed expedition weekends. It is essential that these sessions are well attended to upskill and ensure safety and success during the expedition. Please note that the fee charged is non-refundable and participants may not complete the award if they are unable to take part in the sessions. A reminder of the training dates are as follows;

20 November	3.30pm - 5pm	Introduction/expectations - First Aid (S003)
27 November	3.30pm - 5pm	Meet with the area co-ordinator/eDofE sign up (South Hall)
4 December	3.30pm - 5pm	Countryside Code and food selection (S003)
12 December	3.30pm - 5pm	Food and cooking (Food Tech)
16 January	3.30pm - 5pm	Equipment/kit lists/rucksack packing (S003)
23 January	3.30pm - 5pm	Camp craft (outdoor learning space)
30 January	3.30pm - 5pm	eDofE Sections Update (S003)
13 February	3.30pm - 5pm	Basic navigation/route planning (S003)
27 February	3.30pm - 5pm	Route planning, practice expedition (S003)
12 March	3.30pm - 5pm	Pacing and eDofE Sections Update (S003)
19 March	3.30pm - 5pm	Route planning, practice expedition (S003)
25 March	3.30pm - 5pm	Route planning, practice expedition (S003)
7 May	3.30pm - 5pm	Final preparations for practice expedition (S003)
14 May	3.30pm - 4.30pm	Equipment distribution (S003)
16 May (12pm) - 17 May (3pm)		Practice expedition (Danbury Outdoors, Danbury)
19 May	3.30pm - 4.30pm	De-brief and equipment return (S003)
3 June	3.30pm - 5pm	Route planning, assessment expedition (S003)
10 -11 June	3.30pm - 5pm	Route planning, assessment expedition (S003)
13 June (11am) - 14 June (3pm)		Assessment expedition (Skreens Park, Chelmsford)
16 June	3.30pm - 4.30pm	De-brief and equipment return (S003)
25 June		Expedition purpose presentations

As listed in the previous letter, the cost of the Bronze award is £175 per pupil. This has been added to your ParentPay account and payment is due by Friday 6 December.

It is important that your son or daughter makes a start to the compulsory physical, skill and volunteering elements as quickly as possible. For more information regarding specific activities please visit the Duke of Edinburgh website: <http://www.dofe.org/>. Participation in two of these activities must be for at least one hour per week for a three month period, the other should be a

minimum of one hour per week for six months; failure to do so will mean that your son or daughter cannot be certified.

If you have any further questions or concerns then please do not hesitate to contact me at [rbias@st-martins.essex.sch.uk](mailto:rbias@st-martins.essex.sch.uk)

Yours sincerely

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