

6 December 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for enrolling your son or daughter onto the Bronze DofE Award. They should now have received their eDofE login details (we have asked them to write their username into their planners) and hopefully activated their eDofE accounts. If they haven't, please will you encourage them to do so and ensure details of any activities they intend to count towards their Award are entered as soon as they are confirmed, so they can be reviewed and approved by Mrs Purrington. Pupils should also have received their Bronze registration packs in assembly this morning, which include a booklet of information for parents and important details of what their Assessors are expected to do for each section.

Due to the high number of pupils signing up for the Bronze DofE Award who are also involved in the Addams Family, **expedition training will not start in January as stated on the original letter**, but after the February half term when the play has finished. Training sessions will begin on Wednesday 21st February from 3.45-4.45pm in the dining hall and continue through to July, with some breaks. I have listed planned training dates for the Bronze Award below and would ask all participants to prioritise this training as it is a stipulation of the Award that they will be unable to complete the expedition if they miss more than two training sessions (for which a note from parents will be required).

Date	3.45-4.45pm Dining Hall
29 November 2017	Session 1 Introduction and eDofE
21 February 2018	Session 2 Team building and 20 conditions
28 February 2018	Session 3 First Aid and Emergency Procedures
07 March 2018	No training
14 March 2018	Session 4 Equipment, Rucksacks and Packing
21 March 2018	Session 5 Tents and Campcraft
28 March 2018	Session 6 Food, Stoves and Hygiene

18 April 2018	Session 7 Maps and Navigation
25 April 2018	Session 8 Route Planning (Practice Exped)
02 May 2018	Session 9 Route Planning (Practice Exped)
09 May 2018	Session 10 eDofE review and route planning corrections
20 June 2018	Session 11 Route Planning (Final Exped)
27 June 2018	Session 12 Route Planning (Final Exped)
04 July 2018	Session 13 Route Planning (Final Exped)
11 July 2018	Session 14 eDofE review

Please forgive the limited flexibility but with such high numbers of pupils signing up (we have a record 112 pupils registered this year) and staff volunteering their own time to support them, your understanding and support is as always very much appreciated.

With organisation and commitment I have no doubt your son/daughter will find the Award challenging, fun and highly rewarding.

Many thanks,



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Head of Technology**
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