

June 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian



KING EDWARD VI SCHOOL LICHFIELD

Upper St John Street, Lichfield, Staffordshire WS14 9EE

Tel: 01543 255714 | Web: www.keslichfield.org.uk

Email: office@kingedwardvi-lichfield.staffs.sch.uk

Headteacher: Ms J Rutherford BA (Hons)

We are pleased to offer an opportunity to complete the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award to students currently in Year 9. This very well respected award encourages young people to develop important skills such as determination, resilience, independence and teamwork.

There are four sections that make up the award; Volunteering, Skill, Physical and Expedition. Students need to select and follow their own activities for the volunteering, skill and physical sections. Two activities are to be carried out for at least three months and one for at least six months, the actual times may be longer if the students are not able to participate every week. There is more information and suggested activities at the award website (www.dofe.org). Students will need to keep a record of their activity and ask an adult, who is not a close family member, to write a short report at the end of their time. This evidence has to be uploaded onto the eDofE website, and students are expected to complete this by the end of March 2020.

Our expedition section will be provided by approved activity provider Chase Training Solutions with support from school staff. Students will undertake two days of training and two expedition weekends; a practise and a qualifying journey. It is essential that students are present for all three weekends if they are to complete their award during Year 10. The proposed dates are listed in the table below.

We estimate the cost of the programme to be £220 and will request an initial payment of £50 by June 28th once a place on the scheme has been confirmed. This will cover registration into the scheme and other expenses incurred by the school in offering the D of E programme. Further payments will be requested by 30 January 2020 and 30 April 2020 to cover the costs of the training and expedition weekends. Students may lose their place on the programme if payments are not made on time. Where hardship exists, some financial assistance may possibly be given and in this event parents are asked to get in touch with Mrs Forster via the school office in the first instance, and they may be assured that their enquiry will be treated in the strictest confidence.

We have 84 places available which will be filled on a first come first served basis starting from 8.30am on Monday 17th June. Students must hand the form in to Bader reception themselves (they cannot be emailed on this occasion), with the whole form filled in, including their ideas for the volunteering, physical and skills sections. If the places are oversubscribed, we will keep a waiting list and offer places if they become available.

Please make a note of the key dates listed below:

17 th June 08.30 – 21 st June 2019	Enrolment forms to be returned
19 th December 2019	First aid training (lessons 1-3)
14 th & 15 th March 2020	Expedition training (not residential)
31 st March 2020	3 sections completed and evidence on eDofE
9 th – 10 th May 2020	Practice expedition
13 th – 14 th June 2020	Qualifying expedition
September 2020	Presentation of awards

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Bryant