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Dear Parent

September 2017

DUKE OF EDINBURGH – BRONZE AWARD – JOINING

I am writing to offer your son/daughter the chance to join the Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Award Scheme.

- the award offers young people a personal challenge through a balanced programme of activities, in which they are encouraged to serve others, acquire new skills, and experience adventure
- the award must be undertaken in the participant's leisure time
- it is non-competitive, being based on individual improvement and achievement, reflecting personal choice, initiative and perseverance
- there is one award which is available to all with no discrimination on grounds of sex, cultural background, ability, religion or political affiliation
- there are four sections of the award which must be completed: Volunteering, Expedition/Exploration, Skills, and Physical Recreation
- participants can develop existing interests or try something new. Whatever they choose to do for their award, they can find enjoyment, excitement and satisfaction
- the award offers progression through its three levels: Bronze for those over fourteen; Silver for those over fifteen and Gold for those over sixteen. The upper age limit for the completion of all awards is twenty-five
- through its levels the award programme demands more time and increasing commitment and improvement. At Bronze level participants need strong support from adult helpers, but at Gold they should be largely responsible for organising their own award programme with the guidance of adults
- participants can join the Award Scheme by purchasing an official online E D of E Record Book and Information Pack. **The cost is £42.00**, which includes the Bronze Award E D of E online Record Book, insurance, equipment hire and a Haygrove School D of E T-Shirt. **Please note this cost does not include the Expedition Fees and Transport costs, these will be calculated when accurate numbers of pupils joining the Award are established but are likely to be a further £60 - £65.**
- If you are interested in your son/daughter joining the Award Scheme, please complete the entry form and return with payment by **Monday 2 October 2017** to the Finance Office.

Further details of the four sections of the award are on the accompanying sheet.

Yours sincerely

C Clark – Mrs
Head of Outdoor Education



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DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S SCHEME – BRONZE AWARD

VOLENTEERING

This section is based on the belief that members of a community have a responsibility to each other and that voluntary help is needed. Participants are required to train for, and where possible, give service to others. **Minimum Time:** 3 months. **Examples:** Helping the elderly, fund raising, care for animals, life saving, road safety, fire service.

EXPEDITIONS

This section encourages a sense of adventure and discovery. All ventures involve journeying in the countryside, on waterways or at sea, conceived with a purpose and undertaken on foot, cycle, and horseback or in canoes or boats, without motorised assistance. The venture must present the participants with an appropriate challenge in terms of purpose and achievement. All expeditions require a full training programme that will include practice expeditions before assessment can take place. **Training Dates are Monday lunchtimes starting 4 December. Practice Expedition Saturday 14 – Sunday 15 April. Assessment Expedition Friday 8 June – Sunday 10 June 2018.**

SKILLS

This section aims to encourage the discovery and development of personal interests, and social and practical skills. These interests must be sustained over a period, leading to a deeper knowledge of the subject and the attainment of a reasonable degree of skill. **Minimum Time:** 3 months. **Examples:** amateur radio, bee keeping, dog training, foreign language, fishing, choir, photography.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

This section encourages participating in physical recreation and improvement of performance. To qualify, participants must show improvement of overall performance in the chosen activity, show effort, and show progress based on their initial knowledge and ability. **Minimum Time:** 3 months. **Examples:** badminton, canoeing, gymnastics, dance, golf, hockey, riding, rowing, swimming

An additional three months must be undertaken in any one of the Service, Skills or Physical Education sections.

Students will be responsible for maintaining their Record Books on the new online E D of E system. Each student will have their own log on details and Record page. These will be issued once students have paid their joining fee



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Please return to the Finance Office during morning registration by Monday 2 October 2017.

Child's Full Name _____ Date of Birth _____ Tutor Group ____

Home Address _____ Home Tel No. _____

Postcode _____ Emergency Contact Number _____

I would like my son/daughter to register for the Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Award Scheme and I enclose £42.00 non-returnable cash(exact amount please)/cheque. Please make cheque payable to 'Haygrove School' and write your child's name, tutor group and 'DofE Bronze' on the reverse.

I accept that there will be a further Expedition Cost payable.

Duke of Edinburgh T-Shirt size: <i>(included in cost please circle size required)</i>	SMALL	MEDIUM	LARGE
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Signed _____ Parent/Guardian Date _____

Please print name _____ Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss



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