



ORMISTON SIX VILLAGES ACADEMY



An OAT Academy



27th May 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Year 10 Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award

Ormiston Six Villages Academy is pleased to offer the Duke of Edinburgh's Award to a limited number of Year 10 students. The Duke of Edinburgh's Award was voted by the United Learning Trust, a consortium of major employers, as the extra-curricular award that they see as most important for potential applicants to have attained at school.

The award requires those taking part to complete 4 sections:

- Skill (learning a skill at least once a week)
- Physical (participating in a physical activity at least once a week)
- Volunteering (being involved in an activity that benefits others once a week)
- Expedition (completing a training and assessed 2-day hike with an overnight camp)

The Skill, Physical and Volunteer sections must be completed once a week with two of these sections to be completed over three months and one over six months. Students will be assisted in their selection of appropriate activities and monitored by teachers throughout the delivery of the award programme. However, completion of these sections will primarily be the responsibility of the students taking part. Students will take part in a practice expedition and an assessed expedition during the year. Training for this section will happen in twilight sessions throughout the year (dates TBC). Completion of the award requires commitment from participants not only to the activities but also to the on-going training.

To ensure that all participants receive a quality experience whilst studying for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, places on the award will be offered to year 10 students only (current Year 9) and a limit of 14 places are available. Interest in the Award last year was very high and to ensure that participants are fairly chosen a rigorous selection process is used. The cost of the award is £100 per student which will be broken down into three instalments.

If your child would like to apply, please ask them to write a letter of interest, no more than 400 words, outlining why they should be considered, and how they will fulfil the areas covering skill, physical and volunteering. The deadline for submission of letters to Miss Hull is **Wednesday 30th June**.

We will be holding taster sessions on Fridays starting on 11th June on the MUGA which I would encourage students to attend if they are interested in signing up to the Duke of Edinburgh Award.

Yours sincerely

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