

Plympton Academy

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Dear Parent/Carer

Your child has expressed an interest in taking part in the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) Award Scheme at Plympton Academy. The DofE scheme offers the opportunity for students to: take part in volunteer work and physical activity; develop a skill; and participate in an expedition. It is an internationally recognised award that puts students in situations to develop character traits - such as leadership, resilience, organisation - that help set them apart from others.

Please find enclosed the enrolment form for the award. We will be populating the website with more information including the parent guide and programme ideas to show how wonderfully diverse the section choices can be. There will be a session after school in EBAC7 with myself on Thursday 24th March if your child would like to discuss their section choices. Once the forms are completed, please could they be returned to Ms Mason, Duke of Edinburgh Award Administrator, via Student Services by Friday 25th March.

There is an initial cost of £26.00 to sign up for the award. This cost will cover: access to their online account; welcome pack; qualification certificate; and badge upon completion. Expeditions cost approximately £10.00 each and payment for this will be collected prior to each one. If your son/daughter is in receipt of Pupil Premium funding, then the Academy can help meet this cost. Please email myself to discuss this further.

Once your child has been allocated a place, payment should be made via the ParentPay website www.parentpay.com. If you do not have your login details, or have problems using ParentPay, please contact the Academy's Finance team via Reception or e-mail finance@plympton.academy. If you would prefer to pay by cash using PayPoint at a local store, please contact the Finance team to request a barcoded letter which can be scanned at the store's PayPoint.

The costings for the expedition will be worked out as accurately as possible with the aim of the trip breaking even. If, after the visit when all bills have been paid, a significant balance remains, then individual refunds will be made. However, if there is only a small surplus, then that will be retained in the School or Year Funds for subsidising future students' visits.

We will be able to accommodate all students who show an interest in the award, if the form is returned by Friday 25th March. There will be another chance to join the scheme in September for those who miss the deadline.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me on the Academy telephone number or via email: starkr@plympton.academy

Yours faithfully

Miss R Stark

Duke of Edinburgh Manager



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