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Dear Parents

**Duke of Edinburgh Award - Bronze Level**

I am pleased to inform you that we are continuing to run the Duke of Edinburgh Award group in school and I am offering your child the opportunity to join the group. This year's group will be trained and organised by myself, with the support of numerous other members of staff.

The Duke of Edinburgh Award is a challenging programme of activities which helps the participants learn new skills, help others and experience adventure and it will give them a great sense of achievement. There are three levels – Bronze, Silver and Gold – and, for each, the participants complete four sections – Service, Skills, Physical Recreation and Expeditions. At the Gold level they also complete a Residential Project.

The participants will choose relevant activities for the Service, Skills and Physical Recreation sections, with advice from me and Mr Seager, who is the Group Leader in school. These activities can be completely new to the participant, or they can be activities in which they are already involved. The expeditions section involves considerable training before completing practice expeditions, and then an unaccompanied, assessed expedition.

We will starting the students on the Bronze level Award and I anticipate that those girls who choose to become involved will want to eventually work towards their Silver Award by the end of Year 11, and then, perhaps their Gold Award independently when they are older.

The Bronze group will consist of 12 students from Year 9: as we need to carefully monitor their progress through the sections, prepare them for the expeditions and supervise them, we have to keep the numbers completing the award at a manageable level. I anticipate that we will have many more than 12 girls wishing to join the group and, if this is the case, we will randomly select 3 from each tutor group in Year 9.

There will also be a cost involved for each participant, including:

- Subscriptions to pay for materials as part of the training - £30 for Bronze Award
- Cost of the record book – £11:50
- Costs for individual items for the expeditions, depending on what they have already or can borrow, such as sleeping bags and rucksacks. However, we have a good supply of equipment already in school.
- Occasional costs towards the expeditions – however, we always aim to cover the camping costs through the subscriptions.

This is an exciting opportunity for twelve girls to demonstrate their capabilities and learn new skills, as well as develop many personal qualities, such as leadership and commitment. We hope that they take up the challenge by completing the attached form.

Yours sincerely

Miss E. Cope



Name of Student: ..... Form: .....

We request that the above named student is considered for the 2009 Bronze Group for the Duke of Edinburgh Award.

We understand that:

- if there are more than twelve applications, then the group will be randomly selected, with three from each tutor group.
- there will be a cost implication for participation in the award, as detailed in the letter.
- that the assessed expedition, and to a lesser extent, any practice expeditions, will be unaccompanied by adults. There will be some supervision, but by definition, the girls have to complete this task, by themselves.
- The training sessions will be on Mondays after school from 4:00 to 5:00.

Signature: ..... (parent/guardian)

Signature: ..... (student)

Date: .....

Please complete this form and hand it to Miss E. Cope (or put it into her pigeonhole) by 3:40pm on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2009. If this deadline is missed, then the application may not be considered.

Successful applicants will be informed by Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2009.