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September 2021

Dear Parent/Carer of a Year 9 student

INFORMATION EVENING FOR THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S BRONZE AWARD - TUESDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 2021

Year 9 students are invited to apply for the opportunity to complete their Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Award, supported by the Academy. The Duke of Edinburgh's Award is an internationally recognised qualification and is a fantastic opportunity for students. It will enable them to gain confidence as well as improving their organisation and self-motivation. Students will also have many new experiences whilst hiking, training and camping. There are three different levels to the award – Bronze, Silver and Gold. The award we are offering students in year 9 is Bronze, lasting a minimum of 6 months. The course will consist of 4 different parts: physical, skill, volunteering and expedition. Each part is explained in more detail in the information packs which will be given out during the meeting. The expeditions will require two weekends away that students must attend; the dates for these will be confirmed later this term.

Parents/Carers are invited to attend a presentation and brief talk covering the requirements of the Bronze Award. Ideas, timescales and guidance will be given for each of the three sections: volunteering, physical and skill. There will also be information regarding the final section: expedition kit, training and structure of the final expedition. The talk will take place on **Tuesday 21 September at 5.00pm in the Academy Lecture Theatre**. Parking is available in the Blackhurst Lane car park. A member of staff will be available from 4.45pm to greet you. If your child is interested in completing the Award, it is highly recommended that you attend the meeting to gain a greater understanding of what is involved.

Application forms will be available at the meeting and should be completed and returned to me by **Friday 1 October 2021**. There are a limited number of spaces available, so it is advised that forms are completed and submitted as soon as possible, and before the deadline.

If you wish to attend the meeting, please send an email to hsimpson@skinnerskent.org.uk

Yours sincerely

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