



TRINITY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL (Science and Sports College)

Headmaster: Dr P C Doherty OBE, BA (Hons), DPhil (Oxon), FRSA
Website: <http://fc.tchs.uk.net>

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award

The Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award is designed to enrich students and provide them with a framework to not only develop and grow as an individual but to also give something back to the community.

The Bronze award is open to all students in Year 9 at Trinity. It requires a large amount of commitment from the students, a great deal of organisation as well as managing the award.

There are 4 sections to the award; skills, physical, volunteering and expedition. It is expected that the skills, physical and volunteering sections will be completed by the students independently of the school formal curriculum in their own time. However opportunities for the volunteering section have been created at school. Ideas for what you can do for each section can be found on the D of E website: <http://www.dofe.org/>.

Volunteering	Physical	Skills	Expedition
3 months	3 months	3 months	Plan, train and complete a 2 day, 1 night expedition
1 hour/week	1 hour/week	1 hour/week	
You must undertake a further 3 months in the Volunteering, Physical or Skills section.			

The practice expedition sections will take place between June and July 2016 with the qualifying expeditions held in September and October 2016 and training will be provided by the school. Only those who have completed the other 3 sections will be invited to attend. The expeditions will be managed in their entirety by external staff as this enables us to offer every participant a place on expedition and will take place over a Saturday and Sunday.



The cost of participating in the Bronze Award at school is £180. This covers the registration fee, administration costs, expeditions, hiring kit and training. It does not cover the cost of food for either expedition. For the expedition's tents, sleeping bags and cooking equipment will be provided. It is recommended that your child wears ankle height walking boots for the expedition which is the only specialist equipment that you may need to purchase.

If you would like your child to be involved with the award then please complete the attached forms and enrolment form and return to **Miss Humphrey in the lowersite School Office by 4pm on Wednesday 23rd October 2015.** Applications received after this time will not be considered.

In addition your child will not be registered for the award until the registration payment of £30 has been received. The registration payment is non refundable and needs to be paid by Friday 6th Novmeber 2015. Please note that payment can only be made via parentpay, but if this is an issue please contact the finance office.

The award is completed online and requires students to manage their own account, overseen by myself. Independence to get online and complete the sections is absolutely vital. If your child is successful they will be expected to access Firstclass on a regular basis, as this will be the main form of communication. Although every student has the opportunity to participate in the award, there are a limited number of places on the expedition section. If students are not invited to take part in the school expeditions they can apply for the Open expeditions run by Mud and Maps in order to complete their award.

Please note that the Head of Year and PE teachers have the right to withdraw students from the trip if they do not show exemplary behaviour and effort in PE lessons and make a positive contribution to the school community.

If you have any questions regarding this award then please call Miss Humphrey on 0208 504 8946 extension 120 on the lower site.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Z. Humphrey

Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Coordinator

RE: Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award 2015 -2016

To Miss Humphrey,

I would like my child_____ Form: _____ to be considered for a place on the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award. I can confirm that the registration payment of £30 will be made by Friday 6th November 2015.

My child is in receipt of free school meals (delete as appropriate) YES/NO

Signed:_____Parent/Guardian

Date:_____