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Dear Parent / Guardian

'Get Outside the Classroom' is delighted to be introducing itself as the Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze & Silver Awards provider for Tarporley High School 2018/9.

We have been into school and spoken to Years 9 & 10 assemblies about the Award to make them aware of the opportunities it offers and the benefits of taking part. You are reading this letter because your child has a desire to complete the award and needs your consent to enrol.

The support we offer to the school comes in two parts;

In school sessions which will be delivered by Richard Bailey who is your dedicated DofE facilitator. He is a local retired teacher with a wealth of experience in leading DofE groups. He is well known to the school and will be the point of contact for parents and participants throughout their programme. Richard will be running dedicated sessions in school on specified Wednesday afternoons supporting participants' choice of activities and approving evidence uploaded to their eDofE account. He will also be part of instructional team delivering the expeditions and can be contacted via his direct email richard@getoutsidetheclassroom.co.uk

We will also be running the expeditions themselves. Each Participant must attend both a training expedition and a qualifying expedition. During the training expedition participants will walk accompanied by an instructor who will teach them how to navigate through the countryside effectively and lead them through scenarios which will leave them in a position to independently carry out their own planned route for a final qualifying expedition.

Get Outside the Classroom understands that to take part in the award involves not just the initial signup, training and expedition costs, but also inevitably there will be visits to Go Outdoors, Cotswolds or other retailers to procure some of the kit required for the expeditions. Get Outside the Classroom will supply tents, stoves and fuel to all participants as a matter of course. As a company we are committed to providing a quality experience at great value and as such we are also able to loan rucksacks, water proofs and sleeping mats to all who wish to use them. Requests for equipment will be taken during the pre-expedition training days and equipment will then be available at the start of the expeditions themselves.

Silver Award.**Schedule of Events/Sessions 2018/9:**

Date	Event
Week beginning 3 rd Dec.	Assembly
Weds 23 rd Jan	Plan Section Activities
Weds 13 th Feb	eDofE registration (activities can all be back dated to the start of term) and inputting activities.
Wed 17 th April	Preparations for the training expedition
Fri 26th – Sun 28th April	Training expedition
Wed 8 th May	Route planning & menus for qualifying expedition
Fri 17th – Sun 19th May	Qualifying expedition
Wed 19 th June	Inputting assessor reports.
Wed 18 th Sept	Final sign off

All Wednesday sessions will happen as part of the school's enrichment programme.

Break down of costs;

£29.00	eDofE welcome pack (purchased from Edsential through the school)
£40.00	In-school and online support
£139.00	Training Expedition (3days/2nights)
£139.00	Qualifying Expedition (3days/2nights)
£5.00	School costs
Total	£352.00

Break Down of payments – Total Cost £352.00

- £34.00 payable by Wednesday 9th Jan 2019 to confirm your place on the programme.

The balance of £318.00 can be paid in instalments:

- £159.00 payable by 31st March 2019
- £159.00 payable by 30th April 2019

ALL PAYMENTS SHOULD BE MADE TO TARPORLEY HIGH SCHOOL via the School's Payment link on the website. Should you require a link code, please contact the school office.

For those students who are eligible for Pupil Premium support, please contact the school for information with regard to a reduction in the cost of the award.

No doubt you are also aware that you are probably signing yourself up as key provider of further support and at various points throughout their participation will be shopping, packing, fetching and carrying to make it all happen. I would just like to finish by taking this opportunity to thank you for your support in advance and please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any queries along the way.

Kind regards,



Mark Harnden
Director