

Formby High School

'Determined to Achieve'



KBL/DMM

29 September 2016

Dear Parents

The opportunity to take part in the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme is a fundamental part of the Formby High School ethos. Students in Year 9 have the opportunity to complete the Bronze scheme whilst Silver is completed in Year 10 and Gold during Years 12 and 13. We are now at the point in the school year when students in Years 9, 10 and 12 sign up to take part in their respective award for the forthcoming year, and I would like to take this opportunity to share some important changes around how the scheme will operate.

I am delighted to inform you that we have appointed Mr Rigby (Teacher of Computing and ICT) to the role of Duke of Edinburgh Coordinator, replacing Mrs Bradley who previously coordinated all elements of the Award and whose wealth of experience and knowledge of the outdoors will be very much missed.

Whilst Mr Rigby will oversee the school based elements of the Award, we have enlisted the services of A to Z Expeditions, an external provider (www.azexpeditions.com), to deliver the expedition element. This decision was not been taken lightly as there will be an increase in costs associated with expeditions. However, we are confident that the mountain leadership expertise provided will ensure that the health and safety needs of all students will continue to be met to the high standard Mrs Bradley was able to provide.

Following a competitive tendering process we selected A to Z Expeditions as they have a national reputation for successfully supporting schools and other organisations deliver expeditions. A representative from the company will be in school to talk to both students and their parents on **Thursday 6 October in the School Hall**. During the evening you will be provided with important information regarding the dates and costs of the expeditions as well as more general information about the Award.

The evening will be divided into two sessions and students must attend if they intend to participate in the Award this year.

Bronze Award Information: 6:00pm – 7:00pm
Silver and Gold Award Information: 7:15pm – 8:15pm

Please indicate your intention to attend the evening by completing the reply slip below and returning it to Mr Rigby, stating which award your child is aiming to complete this year.

I look forward to seeing you at the information evening.

Yours sincerely

Mrs K Blanchard

Assistant Headteacher – Pastoral



Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme Information Evening

Please return to Mr Rigby (C18)

Student:

Tutor:

I will be attending Bronze Award Information Evening 6:00pm – 7:00pm
 Silver and Gold Award Information Evening 7:15pm – 8:15pm (please tick)

Signed: (Parent)

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