September 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award 2019

Your son/daughter has expressed an interest in undertaking the Duke of Edinburgh's Award at Gold level.

Students who have undertaken their Silver Award do not have to complete it before enrolling for their Gold Award and they may continue with the activities that they undertook for that Award. It is not a requirement that students should have done either their Silver or Bronze; they can go straight to Gold. More information can be found at http://www.dofe.org/. Any student who did not partake in the Silver Award will be able to enrol for the Gold Award but will be expected to be confident at map reading and navigation before the expedition; additional training with the school may be necessary. **The initial charge for enrolling on the Award is £27.00, which is non-refundable.** This provides for the enrolment pack, record book and access to www.edofe.org.

The school does not run the Gold Expeditions but uses an outside provider, Peak Pursuits, for this purpose. The Practice Expedition section of the Award will take place 30 June - 3 July in the Peak District. The Gold Final Expedition is currently planned to take place 24 - 28 September 2019 in the Yorkshire Dales. Attendance at both is mandatory. If students do not undertake their expeditions with the school, they will have until their 25th birthday to achieve their Gold Award; a number of Universities and other Accredited Activity Providers offer expedition opportunities. In addition to the Expeditions, there will be a 2-day training session at school (not staying the night) on a weekend likely to be 16 and 17 March 2019. This training session is also mandatory and once I have confirmation of the March dates, I will communicate them to students.

The overall cost for the expeditions and training will be £600. Payment can be made either in full or in three instalments of £200 each, with the first instalment being due now. Please pay via WisePay (under Clubs and Activities) or by cheque (made payable to Parmiter's School). Please write your child's **NAME, FORM and 'D of E Gold Award 2019'** on the back of the cheque and return your payment, along with the reply slip below and the attached medical form, to the Finance Box as soon as possible. It may be possible for students to apply to Local Councillors and other bodies to seek contributions towards the cost of undertaking the Gold Award.

By paying, you are giving permission for your child to take part in the above activities. Please advise the school office of any changes in health or medical conditions and emergency contact telephone numbers.

Any behaviour on any activity connected with the Award which is considered to be inappropriate will result in the student being rejected from the Scheme without refund.

Yours sincerely

Mark Holloway
Duke of Edinburgh Co-ordinator

Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award 2019

(Please return to the Finance BOX)

(Please tick as appropriate)

☐ I have read and understood the terms of the letter dated September 2018.

☐ I understand that students must bring their own medication where necessary, including hay fever and pain relief.

Fee:

☐ I have paid the enrolment fee of **£27.00** via WisePay. Payment Reference No: _____

☐ I enclose a cheque for the enrolment fee of **£27.00** *(made payable to Parmiter's School).*

☐ I have paid the first instalment of **£200** via WisePay. Payment Reference No: _____

☐ I have paid the full amount of **£600** via WisePay. Payment Reference No: _____

☐ I enclose a cheque for **£600 / £200*** *(made payable to Parmiter's School).*
   (*Please delete as appropriate)

Student Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Student e-mail address: _____

Parent/Carer Signature: _____

Parent/Carer e-mail address: _____

Student Mobile Number_____

Parent/Carer Mobile Number_____

Print Student Name: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____