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Dear Parents

### **BRONZE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD – Year 10 Update**

Firstly, I would like to say farewell to Mr Greenhough and thank him for his commitment and service to the inspiration and development of students over the years. Secondly, I would like to introduce myself: I am Mr Clatworthy and have taken over the role of Director of Co-Curricular Activities. Our goal at RGS is to ensure that all boys who choose to challenge themselves and step outside their comfort zone are given the opportunity to develop skills and build new perspectives. At the same time, they are supported in a structured framework which allows them to set themselves up for success and achievement. I am incredibly excited that your son is working towards achieving his Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award and very much look forward to supporting him over the next year.

#### **The expedition section of the Bronze Award:**

Bronze Training, Practice & Qualifying Expeditions                      £145-165

Provisional Expedition Dates (to be confirmed by the end of term):

Sat 7<sup>th</sup> – Sun 8<sup>th</sup> March 2020                      Training/Practice

Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> – Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2020                      Qualifying

NB: Participants **must** successfully complete both the practice and qualifying expeditions to complete the section and achieve their Award.

#### **The following are not included:**

- Food during the expedition weekends (this will be discussed, agreed and sourced by teams in advance)
- Personal camping/trekking equipment (RGS has a small supply of this kit to assist those in financial difficulty)

#### **What kit does my son need?**

Please refer to the [DofE Essential Kit List](#). Full details of what kit will be supplied by our supporting provider and what kit you must supply yourselves will be issued by the end of term. A limited supply of kit will be available on loan, at no cost, from the RGS DofE stores.

I wish your son every success with the Award, but in the meantime if you or your son require any more information, please do not hesitate to contact me on [dec@rgshw.com](mailto:dec@rgshw.com) or 01494 551404 or Mrs Henry on [sportsadmin@rgshw.com](mailto:sportsadmin@rgshw.com).

Yours sincerely

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