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29<sup>th</sup> November 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

## **Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award programme 2019-2020**

I would like to introduce myself as the new School Co-ordinator of the Duke of Edinburgh Award. I am delighted to welcome your son onto the programme and attach some information that might help him plan the different aspects of the Award.

As you will see, the Award is broken into 4 sections: Volunteering, Physical, Skill and of course the expedition.

I will be inviting students to sign in to their E-D of E Account commencing Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December in Room 47 at 3.25. taking approximately minutes. I would be grateful if your son would come prepared by completing the attached "BitesizeBronzePlanner.pdf" Those students who attended the meeting yesterday have already completed this form. It is much easier to fill in the details on the E-D of E if they have already made some decisions about their different sections and have the relevant contact details.

Attached is a document "IdeasForSectionsOfYourDofE.pdf" which lists some of the activities which are suitable in each of the sections, which should help if you are unsure about your son can complete.

Some students have already indicated the groups they would like to be in for the expedition. If your son has not please would encourage him to hand me a list for his group soon as possible? Groups will need to be of 6 or 7. Many thanks if you have already emailed this information to Mrs Riding.

I will be in touch again after Christmas regarding the training for the expeditions. To give advance notice, your son will attend either Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> or Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2020. I will divide the students between the two days taking into account their groups. If there is a problem with your son attending one of the days, please let me know as soon as possible and I will plan as best I can.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch via email <a href="mailto:hniblock@stmargaretsacademy.com">hniblock@stmargaretsacademy.com</a>

Yours sincerely

Mrs Helen Niblock.