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Dear Parent/Carer

### **Duke of Edinburgh's Award at Landau Forte Academy Amington**

As part of the Academy's enrichment activities programme, we are pleased to be able to offer your child the opportunity to enrol in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award. The sessions will be on Wednesdays, starting 22 March 2017 in F07 after the Academy day has finished and each sessions will last until approximately 4.30pm.

The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme is the world's leading achievement award for young people, and is highly regarded by Universities, Colleges and Employers. It encourages young people to develop independence, commitment, leadership and teamwork through being involved in a personalised programme of activities. The Academy fully supports the award and recognises its unique value for developing skills and attributes in young people.

Your son/daughter has expressed an interest in the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme at bronze level. The Award to split into four sections, Volunteering, Physical, Skill and Expedition.

- **Volunteering:** Undertaking service to individuals or community
- **Physical:** Improving in an area of sport, dance or fitness activities
- **Skills:** Developing practical and social skills and personal interests
- **Expedition:** Planning, training for and completion of two adventurous journeys

It takes approximately 6 months to complete these sessions and requires regular commitment to various activities and regular meetings and training sessions at the end of the Academy day. Your son/daughter will need to find ways to fulfil the Volunteering, Physical and Skills section of the award, while at the Academy we will focus on the Expedition section, and offer support and encouragement in completing the other three sections.

The Expedition section requires participants to undertake an assessed 2 day backpacking expedition. Before this, participants need to be trained and to take part in a practice expedition, of two days and one night. To support this we will be organising at least three enrichment trips locally during the next year. At present details have not been finalised, however, will be confirmed once training for the Expedition section is underway. Participants will need to complete both a Practice Expedition and Assessed Expedition to complete the award.

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The enrolment cost will be £30. This will cover registration to the award, training and resources at the Academy, the purchase and upkeep of group camping kit (tents, stoves etc) which can be borrowed by your son/daughter whilst completing the Expedition section. The two expeditions will then cost between £15.00 - £20.00 to be paid the week before the expedition depending on numbers. Every effort will be made to keep these costs to a minimum and will be confirmed closer to the expedition date. If you have any concerns regarding costs for this visit and feel that you may qualify for financial assistance, please contact Mrs D Jordan (PA to Principal) in confidence.

If your son/daughter wants to take part in the Award, please return to the following:

- Payment of £30.00 to cover the registration cost (to Reception)
- DofE Participant Enrolment Form (to Reception)

The Duke of Edinburgh Award website (<http://www.dofe.org/>) has more details about the Award, and what each section involves. Please encourage your son/daughter to have a look at the website as they plan what they might do.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at the Academy.

Yours sincerely



**Mr D Hellyer**  
**D of E Co-ordinator**