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Dear Parent/Carer

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award 2019-20 - Landau Forte Amington Outdoor Skills Award

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. It has been a transitional year for the Duke of Edinburgh Award both at the Academy and nationally as many changes have been made as to how the Award operates at Bronze level. To reflect this for the first time, we are going to be introducing the Landau Forte Amington Outdoors Skills Award. This Award will allow your child to gain experience in the necessary skills to complete the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award before enrolling those participants who wish to continue and participate in the National Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme.

The Landau Forte Amington Outdoors Skills Award

It is proposed to arrange an Outdoors Skills Expedition at Beaudesert Scout Camp from 10.00am on Friday 27 September 2019 until around 4.00pm on Saturday 28 September 2019. Finishing times may vary depending upon what each group has planned, your child will contact you shortly before they do finish to confirm this timing.

- **Friday 27 September 2019** – Activities will all take place at Beaudesert Campsite and will include training in campcraft including outdoor cooking on Trangia stoves, navigation and route planning, basic expedition emergency procedures, orienteering and teamwork activities.
- **Saturday 28 September 2019** – Students will be putting their new skills into practice walking in groups of 4-7 on a route on Cannock Chase that they have planned. Students will carry their own equipment and food for the day before completing the weekend with a debrief back at Beaudesert Camp Site.

Both Academy and Beaudesert staff will be closely supervising groups on the first day. On the second day it is anticipated that the groups will be competent enough to be supervised remotely ie staff meeting the group/collecting messages at pre-determined times and locations.

Students who successfully complete the weekend will receive a certificate recognising their achievement over the weekend.

Please complete the attached consent form and return to the Academy enabling the visit arrangements to be completed and confirmed.

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Cost

The cost of the visit will be £40.00 which covers camping and activities at Beaudesert, food to learn how to cook for a campsite evening meal and the upkeep and maintenance of the expedition group equipment provided by the Academy available to participants.

Participants attending this visit will need to have a record of good behaviour and demonstrate that they can follow safety and other rules. Anyone whose behaviour becomes unacceptable after the visit has been booked, may be excluded or required to return home early and any expenses incurred will be the responsibility of their parents.

All participants will need clothing and equipment on the equipment list suitable for the time of year and length of the visit. Participants will also need to provide food for a packed lunch on both days. Evening meal will be provided as part of the training.

Transport

As part of this visit, the Academy is not providing transport. If you give a lift to a young person you are not legally responsible for, you are advised to check your car insurance policy.

Notification of medical conditions or special needs

Advance warning is needed of any participants with special medical or other needs to ensure all health and safety considerations have been made. Parent/carers must advise us of any relevant medical or other needs on the visit consent form attached. Residential courses will require a County Medical Form to be completed not more than fourteen days prior to the start of the visit. No participant may join the visit unless this form has been received. Notification of dietary needs for sound medical, ethical or religious reasons must also be made.

Home Contact Number

If during the venture, an emergency arises and you need to contact the staff, there will be a number available. This number will be given out to students next week and will be available for parent/carers to collect on the morning the students are dropped off.

Yours sincerely



Mr D Hellyer
Duke of Edinburgh Centre Manager

LANDAU FORTE ACADEMY: PARENT/CARER CONSENT FORM

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Please complete the details in the table, sign and date at the bottom of the form and return this whole page to the Academy Reception as soon as possible

| Visit to: | Start date and time | Finishing date and time |
|---------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| DofE Outdoor Skills Award | 27 September 2019 | 28 September 2019 |

| Student's name | Year group | Personal tutor |
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TO LANDAU FORTE ACADEMY AMINGTON

I agree to my child taking part in this event and acknowledge that responsible behaviour is required of them.

I enclose the sum of £ _____ in a sealed envelope being the deposit/contribution for the visit, which I understand is non-refundable (except in the event of Academy cancellation)

I have paid the sum of £ _____ via Parent Pay being the deposit/contribution for the visit, which I understand is non-refundable (except in the event of Academy cancellation). **You will still need to return this form to Reception.**

Medical Conditions if any (please continue overleaf if necessary):

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Signed Date

| Full Name (In capitals) | Parent or Carer (please indicate) |
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| Emergency Contact Number | |