

LT/DofE 2016

15th June 2016

Dear Parent/Carer



Inspiring Optimistic Learners

Parent Survey on continuing the provision of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award

As the Duke of Edinburgh's (DofE) Award Manager, I am writing to request your assistance in making a decision on whether the College continues to offer our students the DofE Award.

Although Mrs Porter and myself have managed to run this successfully at the College over the last four years, unfortunately, due to work and family commitments, together with the increasing costs of providing this scheme, we can no longer sustain running the Award in its current format. The College do not have the staff or the resources to solely run the expeditions and the only way to continue with the Award would be to use an external outdoor activity provider, but this does come at a cost.

We currently use Dynamic Adventures to assist us with expeditions. This company is a non-profit organisation and is an approved activity provider by the DofE and Cornwall Council. This company is very well respected by other schools in the area and also by our current participants, and they are extremely well qualified and trained to run expeditions.

The question I am asking you as parents/carers is “**would you be willing to pay the full cost for your son/daughter to take part in this award and the costs are outlined below**”:

Award Level	Full Cost to Parent/Carer	Breakdown of Costs
Bronze	£200 per student	£160 to Dynamic Adventures – this is the cost for the 2 day and 1 night practice expedition, the 2 day and 1 night qualifying expedition and 2 training sessions here at TCC. £20 for the participation pack. £20 towards the annual licence fee and admin costs (the licence fee is currently £1,050).
Silver	£280 per student	£230 to Dynamic Adventures – this is the cost for the 3 day and 2 night practice expedition, the 3 day and 2 night qualifying expedition and 2 maybe 3 training sessions here at TCC. £25 for the participation pack. £25 towards the annual licence fee and admin costs.

Gold	£450 per student	£350 to Dynamic Adventures – this is the cost for the 4 day and 3 night practice expedition, the 4 day and 3 night qualifying expedition and 3 training sessions here at TCC and at Totnes. There will also be an extra charge for travel, depending on where your son/daughter choses to do their expedition. Please note this cost does not include the 5 day residential that Gold participants have to take part in and this is organised and paid by the participant or parent/carer themselves. £50 for the participation pack £50 towards the annual licence free and admin costs.
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If there are enough parents/carers who would be willing and able to pay the costs listed above, then the College can consider continuing to provide this opportunity to our students.

If parents/carers cannot meet these costs, then regrettably, TCC will not be in a position to renew the DofE licence and the Award will cease to be provided by the College with effect from the end of the Summer term 2016. However, Mrs Porter and Mrs Trotter will support those participants already enrolled on the award and who are completing their qualifying expedition in June this year, providing those participants have completed all the elements of the award by the end of June.

I would be grateful if you could please tick either **Yes** or **No** in the box provided on the attached return slip and return to me no later than **Monday 11th July 2016**.

Thank you for your assistance

Yours faithfully

Mrs Lynn Trotter
PA to Headteacher and
Duke of Edinburgh's Award Manager

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Yes

Yes, I would be willing to pay the full costs for the DofE Award as outlined in the covering letter.

Please place any comments in the box below:

No

No, I would not be willing to pay the full costs for the DofE Award as outlined in the covering letter.

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Please return this reply slip to Mrs Lynn Trotter by no later than **Wednesday 29th June 2016**, thank you.