

October 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

Years 9, 10 and 12 – Duke of Edinburgh

At Ashmole Academy we encourage and support our students to undertake as many additional extra-curricular activities as possible and understand their importance in developing a young person's confidence, talent and skills as well as supporting their UCAS application for those considering University.

One of the awards that we as a school encourage students to undertake is the Duke of Edinburgh Award (DofE Award). Barnet 0 -19 Service support schools, academies and colleges with the delivery of the DofE Programme across the borough. Ashmole Academy and Barnet 0 – 19 Service are working in partnership to ensure students can participate in the DofE Award. Ashmole Academy will be the host venue for the parent's evening and training sessions making attendance easier for both parents and students.

If you would like to find out more about the award, the enrolment evening will be held on Wednesday 31st October from 6pm-7pm in the main hall at Ashmole Academy. During the evening, representatives from Barnet will present on how they run the Duke of Edinburgh and will be able to answer any questions you may have with regards to your son/daughter undertaking the award. This session will cover all levels of the Duke of Edinburgh Award.

Barnet Youth Service will take deposit payments at the parents evening for the expedition place should you decide that you want your son/daughter to take part. A minimum payment deposit of £125 can be collected on the evening. Please note that only cash payments will be accepted on the evening and a receipt will be issued for all payments received.

We also wish that any parent/carer who wish to apply for the 2019 DofE Borough Expeditions for their son/daughter should complete an online enrolment via the Barnet Youth online application which will be available from Friday 16 November 2018 via www.bartnetyouth.co.uk. Upon application additional information will be issued for reference to the next part of the online process, final authorisation is only granted once payments and all documentation, including the online enrolment, is received.

If there are any other questions that you may have with regards to the DofE Award programme please refer to the DofE Award Website www.dofe.org. If you have additional queries with regards to the enrolment evening or are unable to attend then please email Barnet 0-19 Service via DofE@Barnet.gov.uk.

Yours faithfully

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