

## **Invitation to Join the Bronze DofE Award at Chosen Hill School**

*Year 9 is an exciting year, one where your child starts to seriously think about taking responsibility for developing their personal characteristics of leadership, organisation, personal health & fitness, care for their local community and the willingness to take on an overcome new skills and challenges. All great skills needed for success later in life. To this end, I would like to take this opportunity to invite your child to start their DofE journey and enrol on the Bronze DofE Award course so they are ready to start expedition training from the beginning of the Autumn Term next academic year. To find out more about the Bronze Award and to find the application form, please visit:*

<https://www.chosenhillschool.co.uk/year-8-into-year-9--bronze-award/30014.html>

*Please note, the Bronze DofE Award is open to all Year 9 students here at Chosen Hill School irrespective of any additional learning needs/disability, but places are limited and applications will be accepted on a first-come-first-served basis.*

The Bronze DofE Award is run as an opt-in extra-curricular activity with training sessions generally scheduled during term time for 3:15 – 4:30pm on specified Wednesday evenings except when there is INSET training or a parents' evening. (Mrs. C. Harpham, Bronze Award leader, issues these specific dates at the start of the Autumn Term). She can be contacted on [CHA@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:CHA@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk)

To help you make a decision, the costs for enrolment and the expedition training element (which the school leads on) will be **£110\* (non-refundable)** and the provisional dates for training weekend activities are:

1. Expedition First Aid Training: **Saturday 6th May 2023**
2. The training/practice expedition will be done weekend commencing: **Sat 20<sup>th</sup> – Sun 21<sup>st</sup> May 2023**
3. The assessed expedition will only be carried out once a candidate has satisfactorily completed the practice expedition: **Sat 17<sup>th</sup> – Sun 18<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

Please ring-fence these dates because, if your child applies to join the Bronze Award, attendance is mandatory. Please note, we reserve the right to change these dates, if they need arises, and will notify you as soon as we can, if it proves necessary to do so. That said, we will make every effort not to do so.

Next, simply visit the website address above, download and fill in the Bronze Award application form and submit it to Student Finance by **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2022**. You will then be contacted regarding course fees and enrolment.

Should you have any additional question, having read the information provided on the website, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Harpham, in the first instance, or the undersigned after that.

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*\*If payment of the course fees are problematic, still apply. A scheduled payment scheme or financial assistance may be available subject to meeting specified criteria. Please contact Mr. Bird, using the email link provided above, if you feel you may qualify for this assistance.*