

7th September 2017

Dear Parent /Carer

THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD - An introduction.

As your child has now entered Year 9, they are eligible to participate in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme. The award is now in its 61st year and has played an important role in developing a wide range of skills and attributes in our young people. As such, we would like to invite you, along with your child to attend an introductory evening to the award at 6pm on the 27th September in the new canteen at Ballakermeen High School. Ample parking will be available on the school grounds.

During the evening we aim to give a brief introduction to the award, our staff volunteers, the benefits of the programme and what is expected of those who undertake the scheme. It's also important to consider how you, as parents or carers may be able to support your child.

The evening should include a representative from the Manx Youth Games, which students can sign up for as part of their 'Physical' section. We also hope to have representatives from outdoor equipment retailers should any of you wish to peruse and purchase the type of kit students will be using during expeditions. We would like to stress that purchasing equipment is optional and that the school has a stock of items for our students to use if required.

We hope that the information session will be no longer than half an hour and then staff will be in attendance to answer any questions that you may have following the initial introductory session.

Please could any students who are interested in the award but who are not able to attend, let either myself or Mr Breadner know prior to the evening. We anticipate numbers to be high and so if students do not register early then it may jeopardise participation in the scheme.

In the meantime, please complete the attached form which should be returned to me by Monday 25th September.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me on 648700.

Yours sincerely

J Sleight
Duke of Edinburgh's Award co-ordinator

We are able/not able to attend the evening of the 27th September at Ballakermeen High School.

Name of student _____

Please sign _____