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September 2026

Dear Parents/Carers of Year 10 students,

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze award payment schedule

Your child/ward signed up in March to participate in the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme. We hope they have been busy over the summer working towards their chosen Volunteering, Physical and Skill sections. Once these activities have been completed and signed off by their assessors, they will count towards completion of their Award. Participants should be aiming to have completed at least two of the three activity sections by the end of 2026.

Expedition Preparation

After Christmas, we will begin preparations for the Expedition section of the Award. A parent information meeting will be held during the next term, led by our expedition provider. The date of this meeting will be confirmed in due course.

Due to the large number of students participating in the Bronze Award this year, students will be divided into **two groups** for the training and expedition phase.

Cost and Payment

Please note that the total cost of the Bronze Award has increased by £10 to £230 per student. This increase is necessary to cover additional transport costs resulting from the significant rise in fuel prices.

A **£50 deposit** was requested last spring, leaving a balance of **£180**. This will be payable in two instalments:

- **Interim payment – £90 due by Friday 6 November 2026**
- **Final balance – £90 due by Sunday 31 January 2027**

Important Dates for Your Diary

Please note that the following dates are **fixed and cannot be changed**.

Bronze Training Days 2027 – Two Groups

- **Saturday 20 March 2027 or Sunday 21 March 2027**
- 9.00am – 3.30pm
- West Kirby Grammar School

Bronze Expedition Weekends – Two Groups

- **Saturday 8 & Sunday 9 May 2027 or**
- **Saturday 15 & Sunday 16 May 2027**
- North Wales

Students will be allocated to one of the two groups, and we will confirm their allocated date in due course.

Please get in touch if you have any questions. Thank you for your support.

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