

26<sup>th</sup> September 2008

Dear (parent)

**The Duke of Edinburgh's Award**

NAME OF PUPIL has expressed an interest in the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme.

The scheme encourages responsibility, self-reliance and perseverance, and is a programme of activities designed to challenge young people to acquire new skills and experience adventure.

The participant has to fulfil the requirements of each of the four sections: Volunteering, Expedition, Skills, Physical. There are three separate awards: Bronze, Silver and Gold.

The school organises the Expedition section of the Award, and, at Silver level, this includes occasional training sessions on Friday evening, from 3.45-4.45 pm, two weekend training days in the spring term and two 3-day expeditions in the summer term.

Pupils have to organise for themselves the activities for the Volunteering, Skills and Physical sections, although they are given guidance from school. It is the responsibility of parents (not the school) to ensure that the activities their daughters choose for these sections are appropriately managed and insured. More details about the requirements for each section can be found on the Duke of Edinburgh website, [www.dofe.org](http://www.dofe.org)

Entry to the scheme involves a commitment to personal challenge and the acquisition of the Entrance Pack and a Record Book to record details of activities and achievement. The cost of these is £11.00 at both Bronze and Silver level this year. Please complete the attached form and return with cash/cheque (made payable to MTGS) for the appropriate amount.

Yours sincerely



C Southworth  
Duke of Edinburgh Co-ordinator

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**To be returned to Mrs C Southworth by Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October**

I give permission for \_\_\_\_\_ in Form \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_

to participate in the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme at Silver level.

I enclose cash/cheque made payable to MTGS for £11.00 to cover the SilverPack

Signature of Parent/Guardian ..... Date .....