THE EYOT CENTRE

Dear Parent/Guardian of year 9 students,

Your son/daughter has expressed an interest in enrolling for the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

The aim of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award is to encourage independence in young people outside the classroom. It allows students to develop vital skills such as confidence, teamwork, communication, problem solving, organisation and leadership – key skills which colleges, universities and employers are looking for. And at the same time, it is fun!

The Eyot Centre, Henley on Thames has successfully run the DofE Award now for 18 years. We are offering year 9 Langtree students the opportunity to enrol as members of the Eyot Centre but with the chance of completing their expedition training sessions at the school. Places this year are strictly limited to 30 students but another course will also be running at the Eyot Centre on a Monday evening if numbers exceed this.

As well as an overnight expedition run by a team of trained support staff, students must complete the following sections for either a 3-month (2 sections) or 6-month (1 section) period: ~
Volunteering – undertake service to individuals or the community
Physical – improve in an area of sport, dancing or fitness
Skill – learn a new skill or develop an existing one.

The cost will be £190 to include all aspects of the Award, apart from personal kit, food and transport to/from the Expedition (which will be held locally). **The students will need to commit to attending ALL sessions and taking part in the Navigation Day, Training Days and Training Expedition before they are able to complete the Assessed Expedition.** Details of all sessions are attached. Please ensure your child is available for these dates committing them to the Award.

Please register your interest by completing the google form before Tuesday, 16th September. The school will inform you by email if your child is successful. You will then need to enrol with the Eyot Centre by Tuesday, 30th September. If your child decides they no longer wish to be involved, please contact the school immediately so a child from the reserve list can be invited.

Your sincerely,
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