

Our ref: MD/DE/BW

8th September 2010

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: The Duke of Edinburgh Award

I am delighted to inform you, that we are now in a position to offer The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme to Year 10 pupils at Earlsheaton Technology College. We have a Duke of Edinburgh Award Group which will be meeting in M2 every Tuesday 3.00-4.15 p.m.

We started the new programme last year and it includes expedition training which consists of camping, walking, navigation training, learning how to use a camp stove and much more. Also, to enhance young peoples' choice, we are supporting and accrediting the School Extra activities programme.

Each level of the award is split into different sections, pupils will participate in some sort of PHYSICAL activity, which they may already be doing as part of a school team or other out of school activity. There is a SKILL section, where pupils can learn about one of their interests like music or photography. The final section is a VOLUNTEER section, pupils will help others whether at a group, helping at an activity or something else where they are giving time and effort to benefit someone else. The EXPEDITION section will be covered during the sessions attended at school and will culminate in a practise and a final expedition which will take place next summer.

The award is a voluntary, non-competitive programme of practical, cultural and adventurous activities, designed to support the personal and social development of young people today. It encourages young people to undertake exciting, constructive, challenging and enjoyable activities in their free time. There are three levels to the award, Bronze, Silver and Gold and participants are able to continue at any level up until their 25th birthday. The award offers a wonderful opportunity for any young person to develop new skills and interests, to have fun, to meet new friends and to gain an award which is well recognised and respected by institutions of higher education and employers alike; parents who want to be involved can, they can become adult leaders and experience the award for themselves.

If your child would like to partake in this activity, please complete the enclosed reply slip and return it to Mr Dawson at school. If you require any more information about The Duke of Edinburgh Award have a look online at www.DofE.org or contact Mr Dawson at school on the above telephone number or via e-mail.

Yours sincerely

Mr M Dawson
Duke of Edinburgh Award Co-ordinator

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REPLY SLIP

Please reserve in form a
place on The Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme.

Signed: Parent/Carer

Print Name: Parent/Carer

Address:
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Home Telephone: Mobile:

Dated: