

Duke of Edinburgh & John Muir awards

Intent

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme and the Jon Muir Award are nationally recognised awards that support the school's commitment to offer high quality learning outside the classroom complementing our broad academic curriculum.

We will be using new and existing components of our enrichment programme from across the school to provide opportunities for our pupils to participate in the awards schemes

Our vision:

We will encourage our pupils to complete this course because it provides opportunities for young people to develop essential life skills, increase their employability and foster their creativity and innovation.

Implementation:

Our pupils will complete the John Muir Award throughout their time in school, and will focus on the Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Award from Year 9 upwards. Both awards comprise the three basic elements of discovery, exploration and conservation of wild places.

The Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Award then focuses these elements into:

- Volunteering: undertaking service to individuals or the community.
- Physical: improving in an area of sport, dance or fitness activities.
- Skills: developing practical and social skills and personal interests.
- Expedition: planning, training for and completion of an adventurous journey in the UK.

Impact:

Our pupils will benefit from discovering a series of values aligned to those of our school:

- A sense of achievement
- New skills and interests, self-confidence and self-reliance, exciting opportunities
- Leadership skills and abilities
- Experience of teamwork and decision making.

Pupils will experience activities that they may never have considered trying before, and along the way, they will pick up talents and memories that will stay with them for the rest of their lives.

During the programme pupils will develop the skills and attitudes they need to become more rounded, confident adults with qualities that colleges and employers value.

When our pupils pursue their Duke of Edinburgh's Award, they are investing in their future to become resilient, productive and employable young adults.

Next Steps:

We will start the programme in Spring Term 2021 and will have planning in place by end of Autumn Term 2020. For the John Muir Award, planning will show the 4 elements of Discover, Explore, Conserve and Share. We will incorporate these into the Humanities Enrichment Activities, which will where appropriate, continue to contribute to AQA Unit Award accreditation. They will also form the basis of the volunteering section for the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award.

Physical and Skills sections are two other requirements for the DoE Award. The activities to enable completion will complement the existing enrichment timetable of PE, Sport, Leisure and Preparing for Adult Life. Again, where appropriate, we will continue to seek accreditation under the AQA Unit Award Scheme. Pupils are required to complete set numbers of hours in each element and we will timetable to ensure that this is achievable.

The expedition section of the award will be completed during the second half of the Summer term 2021 in accordance with restrictions at the time.