



**Standish Community High School**

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Dear Parent/Carer

Duke of Edinburgh Award

Following a successful D of E (Duke of Edinburgh) Season with AOA Ltd providing the Award as an external supplier, we are happy to announce that we will be continuing our Partnership with AOA Ltd for the D of E Awards. They are an externally formed company made up of ex and current staff, ex and current parents and extremely enthusiastic volunteers that have forged a very close partnership with Standish Community High School and will offer a very efficient and professional service. The team have worked directly with Standish Community High School for many years, and it is this team that will continue to work with the participants during their award. There is a wealth of skill and experience ranging from 'ex-forces' to BEL qualified trainers amongst the staff.

Whether your child is continuing onto the Silver Award, joining us as a Direct Entrant at Silver or whether they are joining us for the first time on the Bronze Award, we are sure they will enjoy their experience and come away with skills that will carry them through life and enhance their CV.

We would like to inform all interested participants currently in Year 10, and their parents/carers, that we will be hosting an information evening on Wednesday 28th March 2018 at 6.00pm in the Pavilion.

AOA Ltd and a representative from the D of E Award will be available on the night to answer questions for Bronze entrants currently in Year 10.

As part of the participant's preparation towards the Award, we ask that you encourage your child to download and complete the enrolment booklet from the D of E section on the school website. It is an essential part of the enrolment process and we will require the completed booklet along with the appropriate registration fee no later than Tuesday 17th April 2018. Unfortunately, we will not be able to process your child's application without the completed booklet and the registration fee of £25.00, which includes administration charges (all cheques made payable to Standish Community High School).

Please may I remind you that any place offered on an educational visit is conditional and may subsequently be reviewed by the senior leadership team and if a student's presence is identified as being potentially prejudicial to the health and safety of those participating in the trip, he/she may be withdrawn.

If in the meantime if you have any further questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact Mr S Johnston-Cree at school. We look forward to meeting you and discussing the Award and its challenges at the information evening.

Yours sincerely

Mr A Pollard  
Executive Headteacher

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