29 December 2020

Dear parents & carers

Re: Duke of Edinburgh Awards

We are very excited to say that GRK is currently taking the first steps in being able to offer the Duke of Edinburgh award to our students. DofE is a nationwide programme that is taken up in the vast majority of mainstream schools. This is part of our commitment to ready students for life after GRK and provide them with the best possible experience in school.

The Award has three levels (Bronze, Silver & Gold), and each of these levels is recognised, both in further education and the workplace, as a valuable contribution to personal development and the wider community. Students must be in the equivalent of Y9 before they can start their Bronze Award, and we have decided that we want every one of our students over that age to have the chance to achieve this award. Due to our status as a non-mainstream provider, we have secured funding for all our student's places on the award. Any associated costs should be negligible unless you wish to do activities out of school, however, any concerns you may have please contact myself or Lise and we can advise

There are four sections that make up Bronze (Physical, Volunteering, Skill & Expedition). We are very fortunate at GRK to have such a diverse school day which will allow students the opportunity to work towards the majority of their award whilst at school. The expedition would not be until at least after spring 2021, and decisions regarding that will be taken in accordance with any guidelines in place at that time. For more information regarding the award it involves, please feel free to watch the short clip linked below:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z8GG468LeJI

We ask that you please return the attached form to the school office by **Friday 8 January** and if you have any questions then please do not hesitate to contact myself or Lise.

Kind regards,

Tom

Tom Beetham
Wellbeing Teacher & DofE InstructorKind regards