



Sandringham School

'Everybody can be Somebody'



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Dear Parent/Carer,

**Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE)
Information Evening Wednesday 7th June 2023**

The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme has been running for over 60 years and many hundreds of thousands of young people across the country have successfully completed either the Bronze, Silver or Gold levels of the award. Students who gain the Award at any level are able to demonstrate leadership skills, team work, independence and many other valuable qualities that are highly prized by employers and universities. It is a programme that many schools operate for the benefit of young people and which Sandringham has been running successfully for many years.

I would like to invite you to a short presentation to be held in the school hall on **Wednesday 7th June at 6.30pm**, where you will hear more about the programme and how it is delivered at Sandringham School. The Award is co-ordinated by myself and delivered and run by a dedicated team of staff. Our aim is to make Sandringham a centre of excellence for the Duke of Edinburgh Award and this will have significant benefits for the young people attending the school. I will be delivering an assembly to Year 9 this week to introduce the Award to them.

As the Award programme at the school is very popular, we will be asking students to complete an application form following the information evening. The application form will ask students to indicate their chosen activities for volunteering, physical and skill, as well as their reasons for wanting to participate in the Award. The deadline for the applications is **Friday 16th June**. Your child will be told if their application has been successful by **Monday 26th June**.

If your child is given a place on the Award at Bronze level, there is an initial enrolment fee. The current fee is £30.50 which includes the enrolment fee for the Award and an administrative fee for Hertfordshire County Council, who are our Operating Authority. Details about payment of enrolment fees will be included in the presentation. Once the enrolment fee has been paid your child will receive an enrolment form which is to be completed and returned to dofe@sandringham.herts.sch.uk they will then be enrolled onto the Award.

Yours sincerely,

Alison Cuneen
Duke of Edinburgh Co-ordinator

