

Dear young person, parent, guardian,

My name is Barry Selby and I am the lead worker for the Duke of Edinburgh Open Award scheme and Halton Mayors Award. We have been working in partnership with The Grange School for the last four years delivering both awards within the school.

The Mayors Award is like a mini Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme for 10-13 year olds and the school was part of the pilot in the borough. The take up has been incredible over the last four years and we can proudly claim that over 300 young people have taken part in the scheme since its introduction.

Just like the D of E award the award has three levels, bronze, silver and gold which can be taken up in year 7, 8 and 9 and then hopefully those who have been involved would take up the Duke of Edinburgh scheme when they are eligible in Year 10.

We are currently recruiting Year 7 pupils for the Bronze level of the award. If you would like your son/daughter to sign up please complete the attached enrolment form and the registration fee of £12 and return it to the finance department in school.

One of the sections of the award involves an overnight camp in June (during school time) and there is an additional cost of ± 20 for this but this can be paid two weeks prior to the camp.

For the other sections of the award participants must complete six hours of a skill, a sport and some volunteering. When the young people sign up they will receive a booklet to record their evidence and we encourage parents and guardians to support them with this.

I will meet with the young people on a regular basis in school to check their booklets and general progress and they can also speak to Miss Atkinson, year 7 form tutor/outdoor coordinator about any queries they may have.

If you have any queries in the meantime please contact Barry Selby on 07814781022 or e mail <u>barry.selby@addaction.org.uk</u>.

Many Thanks

Barry Selby

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