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Andy Fanshawe Memorial Trust

Who is applying?

Bloggs Academy

What do you propose to do? And where?

We would like to purchase group camping and expedition equipment to enable the school to take 20 disadvantaged young people to the New Forest for a 2 day expedition as part of their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

The equipment we would like to purchase is:

7 x Trangia - £350

15 x roll mats - £75

10 rucksacks - £500

7 x waterproof maps - £70

14 x compasses - £280

10 - Waterproof Jackets and Trousers - £600

Fuel for Trangias - £25

Who will benefit? Why do they deserve our support?

The young people that we are working with are from an IMD postcode category 1-3 from Plymouth and they wouldn't be able to participate in this opportunity if the necessary expedition equipment isn't sourced.

Participating in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award will benefit the disadvantaged young people through increasing their self-esteem, resilience and team work skills, this can also have a positive effect on their behaviour and confidence within school. The young people have shown a commitment to the outdoors by volunteering in their local community clearing footpaths and overgrown vegetation to create enjoyable outdoor spaces. These young people wouldn't normally have the opportunity to explore outdoor environments further afield, so we would like to take them to the New Forest.

In addition to providing a positive effect for this year's DofE group. The kit would have a longer-term effect, with over 40 young people annually doing their bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award.

What fund raising are you doing or plan to do?

We have approached Gift Your Gear and received 3 tents and 5 roll mats. We have put an application in to our PTA, who have agreed to fund 4 tents.

What is the overall budget?

£4000

How much are you applying for?

£2000 - We have managed to get a significant discount on the equipment prices through the DofE discount with the Go Outdoors group sales team.

What are your plans for supporting the individual or group to continue this type of activity and further develop their skills or interest? What have you done before?

If the disadvantaged students can complete their first Bronze expedition feeling well equipped and safe then they will be more likely to continue outdoor activities, which could include continuing volunteering in the local community. We will offer the opportunity for all participants to progress on to the Silver Award and undertake further expeditions, to further develop their skills and experiences.

If you're an individual applying for a grant, don't forget to get a reference from a teacher or care-worker.