

APPENDIX 1

Duke of Edinburgh Award 2017/18 – overview with positive outcomes for participants

2017/18 saw 238 awards being confirmed – 7 gold, 49 silver and 182 bronze. This was an increase on 16/17 and the second highest number in the last five years. Of our 12 secondary schools, 10 currently offer the D of E, only Elfed HS and Alun HS do not participate.

Highlights from the last year

4 young people from Ysgol Maes Hyfryd achieving their gold award - the first additional needs school in North East Wales to do so. The majority of FCC schools are now offering bronze and silver awards, with Castell Alun HS, Hawarden HS and Ysgol Maes Hyfryd also offering gold. Mold Open Award Centre also offers bronze, silver and gold.

Developments for 18/19

The introduction of the silver level at Ysgol Treffynnon from Sept'18, this is being part funded by the DofE Wales office in Brecon. I am also pleased to confirm that the Learning Centre in Shotton will be launching the bronze award with 13 participants being enrolled this week. This has been the result of my work with the Inclusion Service at the LC since Sept'17.

Positive Outcomes

The outcomes from participating in the award are numerous, including self-motivation, commitment, team working, initiative and problem solving. I have chosen some examples of the type of activities participants from Flintshire have undertaken in the last twelve months –

Residential (gold award only)

A participant from Ysgol Maes Hyfryd went on a 4 night/5 day residential to the National Trust horticultural centre at Clumber Park in Nottinghamshire to support the gardening / environmental work at the park

Expedition section

Gold participant from Castell Alun High School was part of a team that undertook a 3 night / 4 day expedition in the Lake District, the exploration element of the expedition was looking at the impact of tourism in the National Park.

Skill section

Silver participant from Hawarden High School used singing as her activity and gained a Grade 8 qualification following her 6 month section

Physical section

Bronze participant from Ysgol Maes Garmon took ballet for this section and gained a Grade 5 qualification over the 3 months of this section

Volunteering section

Bronze participant from Flint High School volunteered at a local Rainbow Guides group for 3 months, supporting the leaders to provide activities for the group.

This is a very small example of the hundreds of activities Flintshire D of E participants have undertaken during the last twelve months. Although the 'measurable outcomes' such as the awards gained and individual Grades/Qualifications received can be evidenced, the true outcome is the personal development of the individual through the experiences gained, the challenges faced and the new skills they have developed.

